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Historical Records of the Molly Varnum Chapter. D. A. R.

1894
The Molly Varnum Chapter held its first meeting to select a name and elect officers for the Chapter on Tuesday Oct. 30, 1894 at the residence of Mrs. H. Y. Greenhalge with a membership of thirty.

The officers elected were:

Mrs. H. Y. Greenhalge. Regent.
Mrs. J. M. G. Parker. Vice Regent.
Miss Mary Nesmith. Treasurer.
Miss N. P. H. Robbins. Corresponding Sect'y.
Mrs. H. M. Thompson. Recording Sect'y.
Mrs. Thomas Nesmith. Registrar.

The first year of our Chapter's existence was spent, as far as the records tell us by holding a few commemorative meetings in a very modest way, and listening to historical essays written by different members of the Chapter. It may be well to call attention to the fact that it was voted at this time to preserve copies of all historical papers read before the Chapter.

The second year. we took our first steps out in the world.

We petitioned the city for the use of Memorial Hall for our place of meeting. voted to join the Ass. of Mass. Regents and joined the Sons of Colonial War in endeavoring to prevent the desecration of the American flag.

1895
This year. the first Regent. Mrs. Greenhalge resigned to the great regret of all and Mrs. Thomas Desmith was elected by the Board of Management to fill out the unexpired term.

Several commemorative meetings were held. and we also decided to issue our first list of names and addresses of members; it was printed as a simple list and hardly deserve the dignity of the name Year Book.

Our place in the D. & K. world was evidently established as our co-operation was solicited in several lines of work to some of which we returned a favorable reply. One was to subscribe for a share in the Woman's Club Home in Boston, and one to help in the preservation of the State House.

- The last has proved so far much more successful than the first and less expensive.

1896
We amended our Constitution by adding the honorary offices of Regent and Vice-Regent, - establishing a quorum, - and adopting an Order of Business: we gave our unanimous approval of an amendment to be offered to the National Constitution for Reduction of Quorum Oct. 6. 1896.

A special meeting at call of the National Board was held on Sept. the nineteenth (19th) - the Centenary of Washington's Farewell Address!

At Chelmsford, on June eighteenth (18th), an out door meeting was held! papers were read by several Chapter members, and addresses given by Mr. John W. Stevens, and Mrs Henry Perham of Chelmsford. But the crowning glory of the year was a public meeting held in Associate Hall on April 17. The hall was appropriately decorated! Dr. Quene opened the exercises with prayer. Hon. C. D. Palmer delivered an eulogy on Governor Quenhalge.

The Rev. Mr. gave a stirring address which was enthusiastically received and Mr. Inley sang "The Guard of Bunker Hill".

Judging from the meetings and discussions recorded over the arrangements of this meeting, our first experience before the public was considered quite an event.

The Chapter at this time had evidently outgrown the houses of its members as much time was spent in forming committees, signing petitions and considering offers of different places of meeting, without any success.

The third year, events culminated in a Reception tendered Mrs. Donald M^{rs}. Lean of New York on the afternoon and evening of May 28th.

Like our public meeting this proved a source of discussion at many meetings but was at last brought to a most successful issue.

This year, the Chapter contributed twenty-five dollars for the preservation of the Hancock Clark House at Lexington and also purchased a life membership in the

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Hancock
Clark House

Mary Washington Monument Fund,
the badge being presented to the Regent,
Mrs. Nesmith.

It also gave five dollars to the
George Washington Monument.

On Dec. - nineteenth (9th) a one act
play of which each participant composed
her own part was given at the
residence of Mrs. N. W. Norcross to commemorate
Boston Tea Party Day.

The Chapter made two visits to
Chelmsford: on one occasion, Mrs. Abram
English Brown delivered an address.

On another, we visited by especial
invitation the home of Mr. Yusk,.
inspected his collection of antiques,
afterwards adjourning to the Yutanian
vestry for tea.

During the following year, several
commemorative meetings were held. —

Notably a pleasant one at the
residence of Mrs. W. H. Anderson, but
the chief work of the first part of the
year was centered in the Loan
Exhibition held on Dec. 9. 10. 11, at
the rooms of the Middlesex Woman's
Club, and of which the Chapter
had every reason to be proud.

Spanish War
Vol. Ans.
50th

The summer of that year plunged
the country into the Spanish War and
the Chapter into the War Relief Work.

The Chapter contributed fifty dollars
to start the Lowell Volunteer Aid Ass.
and its co-operation in the Butler
Hike took up all our time and
energies.

The death of Mrs. Moody is
recorded in this year.

Several pleasant commemorative
meetings were held during the fifth
year viz: - one at the residence of Miss
Ella Aldrich, another by invitation of
Mrs. Solon W. Stevens and another at
the home of Mrs. Walter M. Daniels at
which Miss Brazier read a paper on
Paul Jones. We also listened to a
most interesting lecture on Spanish
missions by Prof. Knowlton of Chelmsford
at another meeting.

The central object of this year
however was the dedication of the
Chelmsford Bowler which will always
be a red-letter day in our existence,
proving as it did an object of interest
to so many, and bringing to us as
guests: Mrs. Donald M. Deard, Mrs.
Roger Wolcott - Gen Francis Appleton.

1899
Chelmsford
Bowler

and Mrs. Wood of Buffalo.

Our Chapter this year was largely represented at the Hingham State Conference.

The death of Miss Holman is recorded.

The fifth year of our existence opened in rather an unusual way by what might be termed a constitutional upheaval, but after much patient work on the part of a committee appointed to draw up new By-Laws, and equally patient work on the part of the Chapter, these By-Laws were finally digested, adopted by the Chapter, and approved by the National Board.

A special session was held Jan. 1900, and the Chapter entered upon a work of fifteen months as the date of the annual meeting had been changed to April.

During the past year, the Chapter has been tendered two receptions, one by the Regent to meet Miss Daggett the State Regent and one by Mrs. Selon W. Stevens to meet Mrs. Harry Upham and Mrs. Titus.

It held a public meeting in Memorial Hall

on Washington's Birthday 1900, at which time, Mrs. Hoyt of Amherst and Miss Lunt of Newburyport, together with members of the Chapter took part in the exercises.

April 19, a very interesting meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Nelson Whittier, at which Mrs. Miller of Wakefield addressed the Chapter.

We have held monthly meetings, and one, especially pleasant at the home of Mrs. E. A. Burke where Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Williams contributed delightfully to the entertainment of those present.

The Chapter has enjoyed several outings, one by invitation to the Whittier Home near Amherst, and one to Lexington, Mass.

It covered itself with honor by entertaining the State Conference at the Highland Club House on Oct. 16, 1902 which was very largely attended by delegates from all parts of the State.

The Chapter held a China exhibit and in connection with this, Mrs.

Gozzaldi of Cambridge gave a most interesting talk.

Through the auspices of the Chapter, a History of the Town of Danvers was obtained for the Library of the National Society and a flag was presented to the Whittier Home Ass.

The contributions to the Cuban Teachers Fund from our Chapter amounted to over two hundred dollars.

The pictures of Washington and of Lincoln, and a Bas-relief of Paul Revere's Ride have been presented to different schools.

The Chapter has also contributed liberally to the Wolcott Memorial.

Through the efforts of the committee on School Work, we have listened to Mr. Outten of Boston and Mr. Turner of Salem on Patriotic Work in the schools.

The Committee on the Orator Library Memorial has arranged and printed a most excellent circular and commenced its circulation.

The Regent has represented the Chapter at a visit to the Boston Schools with the Chapter Committee, — at an entertainment given by the Boston Tea Party Chapter, at the John Adams Chapter at Hingham.

at a meeting of Paul Jones Chapter at the Old South Meeting House, and at the Greek Lecture given by the Old Bay State Chapter.

The Regent has also "honored" at the Cambridge Loan Exhibit, has spoken by invitation at a meeting of the Samuel Adams Chapter at Methuen, at the Whittier Home Ass. at Amesbury. - at the Distribution of Prizes at the High School, by the Old Bay State Chapter, and at a Banquet given by the Old Middlesex Chapter.

S. A. R.

In addition, she has made two presentation speeches in the schools.

The Chapter has also published a "Year Book" and acquired a "Real Daughter" —

Published Report of the Historian.

Sara Susan Griffin.

From Oct. 1910. to Oct. 1911.

Though the Society of the D.A.R. is comparatively young, it having been organized less than ten years ago, it has accomplished much along its chosen lines and is one of the best known associations of women in the country. The sentiment of patriotism associated with its name, the resources of its membership, and its undertakings, make it of interest to every American.

From the closed lips of one who has been silent for over half a century comes a direct message to the D.A.R. and Macaulays words are still eloquent with truth "A people which takes no pride in the achievements of untelescoped men never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by remote descendants: Our organization is certainly achieving that which will be worthy of remembrance by generations to come. Yet it may not be amiss to quote here some the National Constitution, the grand and glowing words which embody the deep of our society and which cannot fail to be a constant inspiration to all who are familiar with them." This body is now created for

patriotic, historical, and educational purpose
 to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men
 and women who achieved American Independence
 by the acquisition and preservation of historical
 facts, and the erection of monuments,
 by the encouragement of historical research
 in relation to the Revolution and the
 publication of its results, by the promotion
 of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries,
 and to foster true patriotism and love of
 country, and to aid in securing for mankind
 all the blessings of liberty.

It has been thought wise
 by the Board of Management of the Molly
 Bannum Chapter of the D.A.R. of Lowell, that
 a brief review of its work be given as an
 illustration of the methods pursued, and
 the general series of work attempted by
 the various chapters of the national society of
 the D.A.R. throughout the United States.

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 written by different members of the Chapter.

The second year, the Chapter took its first step
 out into the world and retired to the city
 for the use of Memorial Hall for its place of
 meeting and has continued there to the
 present time. The Chapter also secured the
 Sons of the Legion of Merit in order to
 prevent the discreditation of the American Legion.
 This year, the first regent, Mrs. Gurne
 resigned and Mrs. Thomas Smith was
 chosen to provide. Under the new regent,
 several commemorative meetings were held
 but the crowning event of the year, was
 a public meeting held in Mass. Hall.
 At this was the first appearance of the Chapter
 before the public, the appreciation manifested
 was very gratifying. This year also, the
 Chapter issued its first Roll Book,
 containing the names and addresses
 of members.

The same general lines of work were followed
 the ensuing year; an anniversary meeting
 was held at which addresses appropriate
 to the day were given. One of special
 interest being given by Mr. John English
 Brown at Chelmsford. The social event of
 the year was a reception tendered Mrs.
 Donald M^{rs}. Dean of New York and was
 considered a very successful affair.

The donations of the Chapter this year were twenty five dollars towards the preservation of the Tabernacle Clock. One at Lexington and a life membership in the Mary Washington Monument Fund.

The beginning of the fourth year of the existence of the Hulls Harbors Chapter was equalized by a very successful Loan Exhibition held at the rooms of the Indiscreet Harbors Club. But this year plunged our country into the Spanish War and the Chapter devoted all its time and energy to the alleviation of the sufferings of our soldiers, and the noble work done by the Chapter during the war with Spain is still fresh in the memories of the public. Beginning their charitable work as a Chapter of the D. & A. but afterwards co-operating with other local charitable organizations, the women of Lowell raised over \$2500.00: a part of which was sent to the naval hospital at Cádiz, a part to Fort Myers, and a portion sent monthly for needful supplies.

The Bay State, a floating hospital ship that had been fitted up by the War, Aid Ass. to be used in transporting to the north, the sick and wounded from Cuba, Porto Rico, and the southern camps.

needed a steam launch to carry the soldiers from the shore to the ship, and further hundreds of dollars were sent by the women of Lowell for that purpose. The Molly Bamm Chapter also led the way in the formation of a branch of the Volunteer Aid Soc. and its members collected over \$800.00 directly for that purpose. Twenty cases of assorted supplies besides 4000 articles of clothing and bedding were shipped from Lowell to the different camps. This society also pledged itself to take the sick and wounded soldiers of this city under its care upon their return to Lowell and 250 men received aid from this association. The medical director of this charity reported that "The thorough and systematic work done by these ladies under the very able direction of their President, Mrs. Henry M. Thompson, will ever serve as a model." The patriotic work of the Molly Bamm Chapter during the war with Cuba and continuing in the Philippines is but an illustration of the loyal and devoted spirit that insinuates itself into the D.A.W. and that is called into action by any appeal from their country.

"So high is grandeur to us, that,
So near is God to man."

When Duty whispers low, "Thou must!"
The Faith replies, "I can!"

At the beginning of the fifth year of the work of the Molly Vernon Chapter, Mrs. Henry M. Thompson was chosen Regent. Several pleasant commemorative meetings were held during this year, one at the residence of Miss Ella Holdreth, another by invitation of Mrs. Selma W. Stevens, another at the home of Mrs. Walter M. Daniels, at which Miss Marion Burpee of Boston read a paper on "Paul Jones", and another at the residence of Mrs. Nelson Whittier. But the central object of this year however was the dedication of the Champlain boulder which marks the spot from which the Minute Men of Champlain on April 19, 1775 marched unharmed toward and Lexington. This celebration will always be a red letter day in the annals of the Molly Vernon Chapter, proving as it did an object of interest to so many and bringing as guests Mrs. Donald M. Leav, Mrs. Mary Holcut, Gen. Francis Appleton, and Mr. Wood of Buffalo.

Two very pleasant receptions were tendered the Chapter during this year, one by the Regent to meet Miss Gaggitt, at that time the State Regent, and

one by Mrs. Helen H. Stevens to meet Mrs. Grace
Le Blum, I plan and Mrs. Yette.

Two literary historical meetings were planned
and carried out by the Chapter, one by
invitation to the Whittier Home Assn. at
Amesbury and one to Exeter.

Later a flag was presented by the Chapter
to the Whittier Home Assn.

Other donations during this year were \$20.00
to the Cuban Teachers' Union and portraits
of Washington and Lincoln to different
schools.

The work of the Molly Tamm Chapter
during the past year has been principally
along educational lines, including
lectures, presentations to the public schools
of patriotic mementos, and the establishment
of a raincoat in an adjoining town. Under
the auspices of the Patriotic School Committee,
two lectures have been given in which the
Lowell Public especially that interested in
the work of the schools, have been actively
invited. One lecture was given to Mr.
Paul H. Eaton of Boston on "Patriotism in
the Public Schools" and another by Mr.
Ross Turner of Salem on School Room Decorations.
These talks were very enthusiastically received
and as a result of the lectures by Mr.

Summ. it is encouraging to record, that the dedication of the High School Hall in this city is being done under the advice of a committee from the Molly Barnum Chapter.

Also under the auspices of this committee a bas-relief of "Paul Herre's Ride" was presented to the District School, and a bas-relief of the Declaration of Independence to the High School at Chelmsford. and also through the efforts of this committee, the portraits of the Public Schools have been placed on the Civil Service List thus insuring to the schools faithful and efficient parents.

The Molly Barnum Chapter is named for the wife of Gen. Joseph Barnum. a renowned Revolutionary Soldier from Danbury and the Chapter includes members from Danbury who are descendants of Gen. Barnum and other Revolutionary Warra.

In view of these facts, the chapter decided to aid the town of Danbury in raising a fund for a library, and through the efforts of the chapter, two hundred dollars have been contributed towards the fund and two hundred and fifty seven books have been donated to the library, and the committee on this

work has arranged our complete and most excellent library catalogue.

A roll of the Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors from Essex has also been completed.

The social life of the Chapter has not been neglected in the midst of its educational and philanthropic work.

A talk by Mrs. Ezzie L. Cambridge on "Colonial Days at Corner explored," commemorative meetings held at the residence of Mrs. E. W. Burke and Mrs. Henry W. Thompson, a reception arranged Mrs. Charles Allen at the home of Mrs. Franklin Parks, historical relics to the main street corner society, and the old Manning household at Bellview, have been very pleasant events.

During the year, the Chapter has published a Year Book and has made donations to the Walcott Memorial Home, and to the Vacation Schools of Lowell.

The 27th State Conference of the National Society of the D. A. R. was held in Lowell this last year, by invitation of the Melly Varnum Chapter, with a large attendance of delegates from the various chapters in the state.

The conference was held in Highland Club Hall which had been most artistically decorated for the occasion.

Business reports occupied the morning hours, but the public was cordially welcomed to the afternoon sessions and as the speakers on this occasion represented not only the patriotic spirit but the culture of New England, the hall was filled to its utmost capacity by appreciative listeners. The whole affair was very successful and reflected great credit on the various committees in charge.

A memorial service in honor of our martyred President was recently held by our Chapter at its regular place of meeting. The Address on this occasion was made by the Rev. Warner S. Ward and was very eloquent and impressive.

In this brief review of the work of one of our local Chapters, an effort has been made to show that the province of the societies of the D. S. W. is to deal with historic matters pertaining to revolutionary times and to present patriotic moods, and in these lines of work attempted, the interest of the members of the Chapter seems to be steadily growing. And that the work of the

D. & R. appeals to the public generally, it comes by the new chapter is that we bring forward in all the states and in the numerous list of members of established chapters. The membership of the Ind. German Chapter being at present 137, including a "Real Daughter."

Chiefly it is wise that the coming generations shall be taught the true principles and ideals that give strength and unity to the nation, that, as far as possible, the immigrant foreign population among us, should be instructed in the principles of this country's institutions and that the landmarks shall be secured from others before it is too late.

May there not be new energy and inspiration given us as a Chapter as we look over the local field and see the opportunities before us?

Perhaps we may not accomplish all the results for which we see the need, but Dr. Manning strikes the keynote, fall in, march, march he says.

"What I aspired to be
And was not comforted was"

From April 1, 1911, to April 1, 1912.

Apr. 5. Meeting at Memorial Hall.

Apr. 23 - for Apr. 9. Unitarian Church at
Cheneyford. Regent presented to the High School
at Cheneyford, a fac simile of the Declaration
of Independence.

May 9. Mrs. Morse's House - a reception to
Mrs. G. W. Allen and a "real daughter" Mrs.
Whick; presentation to the latter of a
gold ephor.

June 21. Social meeting at the residence
of the Regent - Mrs. H. M. Thompson.

June 8. Quiring Outing.

Oct. Resignation of Mrs. H. M. Thompson
as Regent.

Oct. Lumberage Sale.

Oct. 6. Outing to the Old Manning House at
Billerica.

Nov. 1. Report Miss M. A. A. -

Meeting at Memorial Hall. Mrs. Buck
had charge of the entertainment. Eight
minute papers were read by the following
in the order named. In some instances
of which they had seen in their summer
vacations.

Mrs. Joseph Smith - Battle of Waterloo

Mrs. Henry Yallow - Speeches & promises
at Kettering Mass. -

Mrs. Buck - Reminiscences of a trip to
Lake Champlain and Lake George.

Mrs. Henry Parker - Burgey's
Campaign with a local treatment.

Mrs. Gresham read a patriotic poem
entitled "Ode to Emma C. Parker."

Mrs. Griffin on Chimney of St. Anne.

Dec. 7. Memorial Hall - Election of Delegates
and Alternates to Continental Congress.

Mrs. Parker of Normal School
arranged entertainment.

Mrs. Rev. H. Richards gave a paper on
a paper on "The Work of the People's Club."

Professor Satter gave a talk on "Life in
the Greek Colony." Mrs. D. Smith spoke on
the admirability of the chapter seeking for
some definite object.

Dec. 2. 1901. Royal Crown of the North

Jan. 14. 1902. Chapter entertained at the home of Mrs. Joseph Smith, its Secretary.
 60 present.

Mrs. Crawford Burnham gave a delightful talk on Valley Forge. which was followed by one of Chadwick's songs by Mrs. Jaz. J. Kenner.

Jan. 28. Business meeting of the Chapter select Delegates & Alternates to the 11th Continental Congress - Special meeting

Feb. 12. Patriotic Exercises at High School Hall. Presentation of two bar reliefs by Melly Harmon Chapter. D. A. R.

Feb. 22. Chapter entertained at the residence of Mrs. Geo. F. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Dr. Irish entertaining together. Address by Mr. John Farnell of Boston on "Old Boston." Songs by Miss Hattie Reed. Accompanied Mr. Arthur Spalding.

March 15. Meeting at Memorial Hall to hear reports of delegates and to nominate officers for ensuing year -

Report of the Molly Marvin Chapter from
April 1, 1901. to April 1, 1902.

Lora Anne Griffin.

Historian.

List of Officers for the year.
Report Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Lora Anne Griffin.

Treasurer, Mrs. George L. Richardson.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Smith.
Corresponding Sec. Miss Eliza H. Stevens.
Registrar, Miss Lora J. Kimball.
Historian, Mrs. Charles Griffin.

Manager, Mrs. Charles E. Howe.
Mrs. Franklin Howe.
Mrs. Harro Reed.
Miss Blanche Harrington.

The history of a year; another year has been added to the annals of the Molly Barnum Chapter, a year of other advancement is what. For as time in this swift flight will leave his impressions more individual as he rapidly passes by, so it is with organizations. - there is no standing still, in the months before, there must be either retrogression or progression. The historian has found it both duty and a pleasure to record the work of the Molly Barnum Chapter for the past year. a duty as it is written in the by laws "that the historian shall prepare an annual report of the Chapter work of the year," and a pleasure because in preparing such a report, she is convinced that the Chapter is making progress along its chosen lines of work. that the influence of the Molly Barnum Chapter on the city of Lowell is for practical patriotism and true philanthropy, and as the waves of influence like the waves of the sea are reaching so farther and farther in their widening circles, who can tell how far and how wide will spread its circle of influence created by the Molly Barnum Chapter, D. K. R.!

Since last April, the Chapter has held its regular monthly meetings, either at Masonic Hall or at the residence of some member of the Chapter who has hospitably opened her house for its reception. At each meeting exercises of either a patriotic or literary

characters have been given, which have, apparently, been of considerable interest to the members of the Chapter. Besides these regular meetings, several special business meetings have been held with a very good attendance, showing that the members of the Chapter are interested in all that pertains to its welfare.

Among the meetings of special interest at the beginning of the season, was one held April 23, at the Unitarian Church at Chelmsford, when the Chapter through its Regent, Mrs. H. M. Thompson, presented the High School at Chelmsford with a fac-simile of the Declaration of Independence.

The next month, the Chapter tendered a reception to Mrs. Charles Allen at the elegant residence of Mrs. Franklin House who kindly opened her home for that purpose. Mrs. "Nellie" Doughty, Mrs. Chick was also present, thus making the occasion one of especial remembrance and, at this reception, the Regent in a very graceful little speech, presented Mrs. Chick with a gift of a souvenir from the National Society. It may be of interest to the Chapter to know that Mrs. "Nellie" Doughty is now 87 years old having been born in 1815. Her father was James Diller who enlisted in the Revolutionary Army in 1776, and who served nine months in a Rhode Island regiment, and two years in a Massachusetts regiment under Capt. Thomas. Mrs. Chick is

a resident of Smurville living with her daughter, and notwithstanding her advanced age, is very much interested in all the current events of the day.

In June, a very pleasant and social meeting was held at the residence of the Regent Mrs. H. M. Thompson and was the last one of the season.

In January of this year, Mrs. Joseph Smith, our Secretary, very kindly tendered us the hospitality of her home, and a most delightful meeting was held there. Mrs. Crawford Burnham gave a most interesting talk on Valley Forge, and the sad experience of our soldiers at that time. I also by Mrs. Smith was also very refreshingly occupied. A unique feature of the dinner served at this meeting, was the ribbon table spread with things which had been in the possession of the family of the hostess since the early colonial days.

Feb. 22nd the Chapter was most charmingly entertained, at the beautiful home of Mrs. Geo. F. Richardson with Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. J. E. Smith as hostesses. Mr. Yarnall of Boston gave a very interesting historical talk on "Old Boston" and Miss Yarnie Kent favored us with several selections sung in a most exquisite manner, closing with the grand "Old Blue Banner of the Republic" and as we returned

to the glowing and inspiring scenes we all
 felt a thrill of patriotism and we realized that we
 were going to the next army that is "marching".

Your especially interesting meetings
 of the Chapter have been held during the
 year at Memorial Hall. At one of which
 Mrs. G. C. Beck arranged the exercises
 for the afternoon; the other meeting was in
 charge of Mr. Adelia Mrs. Parker.

During the past year, the Chapter
 has gone on two historical pilgrimages, one
 in June to the ancient town of Quincy and
 one in October to the old mansions connected
 at Billerica. The towns around which are
 rich in historical interest and if more
 pilgrimages to these points could be made
 by the Chapter, our patriotic and historical
 spirit would be more strongly stimulated.

Chaucer speaks in his exquisite prologue
 to the Canterbury tales of that time of the year
 when

"Folke ben goyn to goon pilgrimages
 And palmers for to seke change of chardis,
 The shrews & unkynd couthe - howers and
 sundry landes,
 And specially from every shire end
 Of Engelond to Canterbury they wend,
 The holy blissful martirs for to seek -
 That theren hath holpen whan that they were sick"

The Melly Barnum Chapter of the D. X. K. do not here to seek "strangers & handix", the graces of the "old masters" is to seek. So in nearly every white country grave yard in this county rests those, who as truly as the revered masters of old, spend up their lives for duty and principle.

A Historical Committee under the venerable chairmanship of Mrs. Palmer, has recently been appointed. Their report - the members of the committee being chosen especially with reference to the towns they represent, and under the guidance of this committee doubtless the study of local history will be revived with new interest.

In October, the Chapter held a bazaar sale which was a decided financial success and it was discovered that the Melly Barnum Chapter include some remarkably shrewd financiers who could dispose of neckties, old clothes, and old shoes at good advantage to both buyer and seller.

The membership of the Chapter is steadily increasing and we gladly welcome to our number those who are drawn to us by the ties of true patriotism, and the Chapter especially appreciates the acquisition of new honorary members. Mrs. Belinda P. Field.

The fully formed Chapter is extremely indebted to those who have carried it so conscientiously this last year, to our Regent, Mrs. H. M. Thompson, who, after a faithful efficient service of over two years, resigned in the early fall, to our friend and present Regent who fills the office graciously and gracefully, heartily commended to our new Vice Regent, to our Recording Secretary for her accurate and faithfulness in all her records, to our Corresponding Secretary for her promptness and punctuality, especially in forwarding the many notices which are due so often, to our Treasurer who in careful and carefully accounts for our funds and expenditures, to the recipients of the numerous exactions with which she fulfills the duties incumbent on her office, to the Board of Managers for their kind assistance and co-operation and to the two Delegates who represented this Chapter well at the annual Continental Congress recently held at Washington.

Mention should also be made of the conscientious labor done by the Custodian of this room, Miss Hager - The articles loaned to make this room an attractive place of meeting furniture, pictures, china, and books, are each carefully catalogued by the custodian, and a receipt given to the owner. In the collection of volumes loaned to us, are the

Lineage Books as far as published, and the List as far as completed of the Soldiers and Sailors enrolled in the Revolutionary Service from Mass. The custodian would be very grateful for articles of china or bric-a-brac to fill the cabinet.

The business meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Management have moved along with so much harmony, good will and courtesy that it hardly seems as if the criticism that Kate Cornett Wells recently made on women's organizations could at all apply to us. The criticism briefly stated is that a woman serving on a committee of women, is favored with as great many compliments as long as she remains "a meek & concession" but alas! for the dying woman who differs from her colleagues - her fate is indeed unhappy - but the author of this criticism could not have known such women as compose the Mary Barnum Chapter. Indeed if in any organization, a woman should have the courage of her convictions, and should feel free to state, with all tact and courtesy, but still with firmness and candor, her true sentiments on any question of Chapter interest, it could be in the society of the D. A. R.

The patriotic and philanthropic work of the Chapter during the year, has run under the auspices of the same

committee which accomplished so much the year before. "The Patriotic School Committee" is its name. E. C. Brock as Chairman. It has been the struggle of the historians to serve on this committee the last few months and she wishes to bear witness to the inspiration that the chairman has been to all his co-workers. The order and enthusiasm for her work with which Mrs. Brock is so thoroughly imbued, are such incentives to the members of the committee that we feel that we must, one and all -

"Act, act in the living present"

The first work of the year under the auspices of this committee assisted by the Regent co-officer and a work which the members of the highly harmonious Chapter may well congratulate themselves, was accomplished in August and is shown in the beautiful tinting and fresco work which now decorate the walls of the High School Hall - This work was in a great measure due to a lecture given by Mr. Rose, Yarnall of Salem in the High School Hall under the auspices of this same committee, on "Clean, Home and United Walls" when the hall was in a decidedly different condition from the subject of the lecture. That the School Committee of Lowell appreciate the interest taken by the Chapter in the decoration of the High School Hall is shown by the words used by Mr. Andrew

Chairman of the High School Committee in a recent address to the High School Scholars. He said "It was out through the School-Committee that you obtained this beautiful hall, but through the members of the Molly Bannum Chapter D. A. R. about this time also. Through the efforts of this committee aided by public spirited citizens, the portraits of the public schools were placed on the civil service list thus ensuring to the schools faithful and efficient service -

On December of this year, Mr. Ross Turner lectured again in the High School Hall under the direction of this committee on "Primitive Art". The public were invited to this lecture and the audience seemed very appreciative. Mr. Turner expressed his pleasure at the changed and attractive appearance of the hall and suggested as helps to this scheme of decoration, bas-reliefs of appropriate subjects. After considerable consultation among the committee, bas-reliefs of Del Robbia famous sculptures, "The Trumpeters", and "The Dance" were decided upon as being both of inspiring and educational value and thus fitting subjects to adorn the High School Hall. - And Feb. 12, the 93rd birthday of Abraham Lincoln these bas-reliefs were publicly presented to the High School as gifts from the Molly Bannum Chapter. Mrs. G. C. Brock making the presentation in very fitting and graceful

words. Messrs. Irish, Suaph, Everett, and Whitcomb
spoke in appreciative words of the generosity of the
Chapter and Hon. John Stevens closed the
evening of the day, with a very thrilling and
patriotic address on the "Life of Abraham Lincoln".

At one of our monthly meetings, a member
of the Chapter spoke both wisely and well on the
inducibility of the Chapter having a definite
object for which to work. The Patriotic School
Committee had been considering this same
subject for some time, and on suggestion
of the Chairman, it was voted to take up
some line of work for the "Boys' Club" of this
city. The Committee were influenced in

this decision by the fact that the boys
who compose this club, can of necessity, obtain
but very little historical or patriotic knowledge
of their city or country, also that whatever the
boys can learn of the principles of good
government and of those who have helped
make our country what it is - is so much
gained, towards making these boys become
good citizens, for it will be readily seen that
if our own city boys of foreign parentage
can be trained to a high conception of the
meaning of good citizenship, the future
welfare of this city is assured. After consulting
with the directors of the Boys' Club, who gladly
welcomed our proposed assistance as they

had been hoping that their own efforts could be supplemented by some outside influence, the committee decided it best, under the present conditions of the Club, to begin its work with a series of weekly talks on historical subjects.

Feb. 27. Mr. E. C. Block began the talks with stories of the civil war; other speakers following have been Miss Katherine Abbott on the Public Buildings of Washington; Hon. Geo. E. Marden on Money. Mr. Joseph Smith on his experiences among the Indians in Texas and Arizona. Rep. Selous Stevens on the Sites of Washington and London, and Miss Melville Nye has entertained the boys with recitations.

If the Chapter induces this work, local history talks, and excursions, talks on native birds and flowers might be introduced into the Club Work: there is certainly an unusual opportunity for work in this club by the members of the Chapter in the line of lectures and class instruction and individual training, but any work must necessarily be hampered because of the lack of proper quarters for meetings of the club.

At present the home of the club is in small, crowded, and ill ventilated rooms.

Three of us in the Middlesex Club who heard Mrs. Robert Abbe of New York speak of what has been accomplished

by the City History Club of that city, should
not be discouraged by small beginnings, nor
should we be impatient at the length of
time that it may take for the seed that
we may sow in this soil to mature. For we
are sure this is not unfruitful soil, and
"first the blade, then the ear, then the
full corn in the ear"

May we not as a Chapter take these
encouraging words of Longfellow for our own
"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor - and to wait"

Sara Susan Duffin
Historian

Officers elected at this annual meeting April 8, 1902

Regent - Miss M. Ida Kane

Vice Regent - Mrs. Eugene Hylan

Treasurer Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson

Rev. Secretary - Mrs. Joseph Smith

Cor. Secretary Mrs. Edna Stevens

Registrar Miss M. Blanche Harrington

Historian Mrs. Charles Duffin

Manager - Mrs. Charles E. Kane, Mrs. Franklin Kane

Mrs. Mary Kayser - Miss Lura Kimball

Chapter voted to re-enter State Federation

April 9, 1912 - Molly Varnum Chapter entertained
at Miss Ella Hulcheth's -
Refer to Scrap Book.

May Meeting - Letter read from Mrs. Thompson.

June 9. Meeting held at residence of
Mrs. Henry S. Berham - Chelmsford Centre.
Refer to Scrap Book.

June 24. Meeting held at residence of
Miss Arma Lee Varnum -
Draught -
Refer to Scrap Book

June 28. Molly Varnum Chapter have an
outing at Southwark -
Refer to Scrap Book -

Oct. 20. Meeting held at residence of
Mrs. Selma Stevens.
Refer to Scrap Book

Nov. Meeting held at Memorial Hall
Mrs. Mabel Smith read a paper
Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin read a poem.

Nov. State Federation met at Southwark

Dec. Meeting at Mrs. Edward V. Knell's with
Mrs. Knell and Mrs. Charles Knell as
hostesses.

Refer to Scrap Book.

Jan. Meeting at residence of Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson
on Branch St.

Mrs. Richardson and Miss M. Ida Hove as
hostesses.

Refer to Scrap Book.

Feb. 22. Reception given at the residence of Mrs. Eugene
Hylan. Mrs. Hylan and Miss M. Ida Hove
acting as hostesses.

Refer to Scrap Book.

March 14. Regular monthly meeting held at
Memorial Hall. Reports of Memorializing Committee.
Motions made by Mrs. Thompson were seconded by Mrs.
Palmer that a committee be appointed to secure
provision for the School St. Cemetery. The report
appointed the following committee.

Mrs. Solon Stevens. Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson
Mrs. C. H. Williams. Mrs. Eugene Barber
Mrs. Charles Fisher.

A paper written by Mrs. Julia A. Talbot
"The pictures of Historical Association and"

read by Mrs. Charles Sumner.

Two poems by James Jeffrey Locke entitled
 "The Constitution's Last Night"

x "The Yarn" were read by
 Mrs. Charles Sumner.

Mrs. J. C. Irish gave a very full and comprehensive
 report of the proceedings of the Continental
 Congress, held in Washington, the preceding
 month, which she attended as delegate.

Died during Clinical Year from
April 1902. to April 1903.

Miss Sarah Spalding April 1. 1902.
Refer to Scrap Book
Chapter sent flowers to funeral.

Miss Aradine Brown Nov. 21. 1902.
Chapter sent flowers to funeral.

Miss J. M. G. Parker for many years a member of
the Chapter but who had resigned on account
of ill health. died Feb. 3. 1903.

Mrs. Harriet M. Bartlett. died
March 11. 1903.
Chapter sent flowers to funeral.
Refer to Scrap Book.

Report sent to State Regent -

Mrs. C. J. Masury - Danvers, Mass.

Similar Report sent to Smith Service Institute
by way of Miss E. C. Bacheller
Smyerville, New Jersey.

Officers -

Regent Miss M. Ida Howe
Vice-regent Mrs. Eugene Nelson
Treasurer Mrs. George L. Richardson
Recording Secretary Mrs. Joseph Smith
Corresponding Sec. Mrs. Helen Stevens
Registrar Miss Blanche Harrington
Historian Mrs. Sara Susan Griffin.

Directors { Mrs. Charles H. Lee
Mrs. Franklin H. Moore
Miss Anna Kimball
Mrs. Harry Payne - Resigned - reasons of ill-health.

The number of regular members of the Incey Varnum
Chapter at the date Feb. 1, 1903 is one hundred and
fifty-three.

One Real Daughter

Two Anonymous Members

Three Associate Members.

No members have died since the beginning
of the official year April 1, 1902.

The work of the Molly Barnum Chapter has followed quite closely the course of the preceding year. Meetings commemorative of historical and unusual events have been held and excursions to different points have been taken. Several members of the Chapter, at different dates have opened their beautiful homes for the use of the Chapter thus giving to the meetings a social aspect. At these meetings, as at the regular monthly gatherings, historical and biographical papers have been prepared and read by members of the Chapter.

Patriotic Day Miss Ella Hilditch opened her spacious home for the reception of the Chapter. June 9. Mrs. Henry Perkins of Chelmsford Centre, residing in the historic Perkin manoir built in 1724 and filled with antique mementoes of the colonial past, made the Chapter welcome to its quaint interior.

June 24. Miss Anna Lee Barnum, a direct descendant of Molly Barnum for whom the Chapter is named, received the Chapter in her home beside the beautiful meadows, made famous by having also been the home of Gen. Josiah Barnum and his wife Molly.

Oct. 20. Mrs. Helen Stevens of Tyler Park entertained the Chapter which celebrated the Surrender of Fort Mifflin by historical papers and addresses.

In December, Mrs. Charles Hall and Mrs. Stone
 visited the Chapter at the author's residence,
 and in January, Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson opened
 her house for the same purpose.

A historical outing to the famous old town of
 Sudbury was taken by the Chapter during the
 charming month of June.

The practical patriotic work of the
 Chapter has been carried on under the guidance
 of the Patriotic School Committee, Mrs. E. C. Breen,
 Chairman. Believing that to help secure
 the boys of the street from suffianism and start
 them in the way of becoming good citizens is as
 patriotic work as can be undertaken, the
 Committee has centred its efforts in improving
 the conditions and elevating the tone of the Boys'
 Club of Lowell. The work in this field was
 begun over a year ago and this present year
 the work has grown and developed.

Through the efforts of this Committee the club
 has moved from the ill-ventilated and
 denuded rooms formerly occupied to large spacious
 quarters comprising gymnasium, reading room,
 work room and office. The group system
 of classes has been introduced. — members
 of the Chapter taking a group — and a
 course in manual training — cane-sewing —
 has been started, the Chapter bearing the

expense of teacher and materials. Books, games, magazines, and a valuable basket ball have been donated to the Club through the efforts of members of the Committee, and a large banner reading "Boys Club" has been placed by the Chapter at the entrance to the room.

Besides these donations to the Boys Club, the Vacation Schools in Lowell held during the summer months for the poor children of the city, received ten dollars in money from the Chapter for the purpose of buying games, toys, and materials for industrial training for the use of the children in the schools.

The Committee appointed to aid in securing books and money for the Everett Town Library went through along the same lines as preceding year.

About fifty dollars obtained this recent year and a generous donation of books

Sara Susan Griffin,
Historian

Historian's Report, from April, 1902 to April, 1903

To write the record of a year is both a saddening and insupportable task. The history of the events of the weeks and months that have passed forever beyond human control, wishes, or regrets into the vast oblivion, the loss of all familiar faces, the inevitable changes that Time brings in his train, are hardly compensated, to the retrospective mind, by the glory of the present or the rich promises of the future. Yet the progress discernible, the difficulties overcome, the encouragements and inspirations even in the midst of sorrowful regrets.

The year from April 1902 to April 1903 has been a most prosperous year for the Molly Farnum Chapter. An increased number, interest and usefulness, in social life, and in the strengthening of the patriotic tie, that binds us, one to another, and in loyalty to the Chapter, the year has been unrivalled.

The additional social meetings which have been held this year, have done much to increase the acquaintance of the members with one another and to cause them to feel that to belong to the Molly Farnum Chapter is to belong to a sisterhood with common interests and

device. The first social meeting of the season
 was held at the residence of Miss Ella
 Hildreth who, on April 19, hospitably
 opened her spacious and beautiful
 home on Ashme St. for the reception of the
 public. In honor of the day, the exterior
 of the house was decorated with the na-
 tional colors, while the interior presented
 a most exquisite picture with its
 arrangement of the red, white and
 blue, roses, tropical plants and
 ever green brought from Mr. Charles Hildreth
 from his summer home in Westford.
 Besides extending the hospitality of her
 home, Miss Hildreth also planned the
 programme of exercises for the afternoon
 which was exceedingly appropriate to
 the occasion, including a reading by
 Mrs. Charles L. Palmer of extracts from
 Gen. Varnum's diary, also the reading
 of "Paul Revere's Ride" which Mrs. Palmer
 gave in a very artistic manner.
 Mrs. Crampord Burnham described in
 a most spirited way the eventful
 closing of the historic April 19, when
 the shot was fired that was heard
 around the world. The musical part
 of the programme was furnished by
 Mrs. Joseph Smith playing on the piano
 the national tunes "Hail Columbia".

"Star Spangled Banner", "Red, White and Blue", and "Yankee Doodle". Mrs. Solon Stevens sang several stanzas of the last song, while the audience enthusiastically joined in the chorus.

A memorial of Miss Sarah Spalding, written by the Chapter Historian was read by her, at this meeting.

At the close of the literary exercises the Chapter adjourned to the dining room where a most dainty collation was served. Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson and Mrs. J. C. Irish assisting the hostess at the table. A very unique souvenir of the occasion was presented by Miss Hildeth to the departing guests, being the complete stanzas of "Yankee Doodle", published in dainty style. The edition being that used in Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections.

On June 9, the Chapter was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Henry Perham at her home in Chelmsford. The thoughtfulness of the hostess for her guests comfort extended to sending carriages to the electric to convey the members to her house some three quarters of a mile distant. The old homestead was a picture with its garniture of wild flowers and roses: it was built by Mr. Perham's

ancestors about 150 years ago. Mr. Perham
 belonging to the seventh generation
 which has lived there.
 After the customary opening exercises
 Mrs. Perham read an account of the
 life of her grandmother, Thankful Peice
 (Walker) who was born in 1752 on Peice's
 farm where the City Almshouse now stands.
 Mr. Perham also read many amusing
 extracts from old note books, and Mrs.
 Joseph Smith gave a very interesting account
 of her trip to Washington where she was
 present at the unveiling of the Rochambeau
 statue and also gave some account of the
 life and work of Rochambeau.
 After these addresses, refreshments were
 served by the hostess, other Chelmsford ladies,
 members of the Chapter assisted.
 The celebration of June 17, was deferred to a
 week later June 24, when the Chapter
 gratefully accepted the proffered hospi-
 tality of Miss Irma Lee Varnum who
 entertained in her historic and an-
 cestral home in the interesting old town
 of Braintree. Through the kindness and
 courtesy of Miss Varnum and her parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Varnum, carriages
 were waiting for the guests at Varnum's
 Landing, and those who chose drove to
 the old Varnum Homestead which

deserves more than a passing mention. The present building is more than a hundred and twenty years old and occupies the site of the original Varnum home which was the birth-place of the famous Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum. Standing back from the roadside, surrounded by noble trees and retaining in perfection its colonial architecture, it is indeed a stately memorial of the days when
 "Men lived in a grander way
 With ampler hospitality."

The guests were heartily welcomed and furnished seats on the spacious lawn where the literary exercises of the day were held. These consisted of a very interesting historical paper on the Town of Wiscasset and a brief but graphic account of the Varnum family by the poetess, and a reading by Miss Earl of the history of the life of Gen. Varnum published by Mr. H. Wood in the N.E. magazine. At the close of these exercises, the Chapter visited the old Revolutionary and family burying ground where Gen. Joseph Varnum and his wife Molly Varnum repose in their last sleep, side by side, surrounded by ancient friends and neighbors and where, in a corner of the old cemetery lies the faithful black body servant of Gen. Varnum. The Chapter then

visited the house which Gen. Tamm built at the time of his marriage to Clainty Molly Butler and where she resided in lonely isolation. It is no tie Molly Tamm that the Chapter is named and the house and its quaint furnishings had additional interest to the members for that reason. In their return to her home a most generous collation was served by Miss Tamm, and after a hearty vote of thanks had been given by the Chapter, the hospitality extended to them, the guests reluctantly departed.

The final summer outing of the Chapter was held June 30, at Sudbury. The members took train to South Sudbury where a large car was in waiting to carry them to the "Wayside Inn" which was their objective point. After inspecting the Inn and lunching in the open air, the excursionists took a drive through Sudbury viewing all the points of interest. On the return trip, some came by trolley, all agreeing it was a most delightful and successful outing.

The first meeting after the summer vacation was held at the residence of Mrs. Solon Sterens at Lyler Park, Oct. 18 to celebrate the anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Including the

customary opening exercises, the business portion of the afternoon consisted of addresses by Mrs. Henry C. Hodgdon, Regent of the Old South Chapter, Boston, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. H. M. Thomson, and Mrs. J. C. Brock. Music was furnished by Miss Agnes Williams, Violonist and Miss Stevens, Pianist. Refreshments were served in the dining room, the hostess being assisted by other members of the Chapter.

In December, Mrs. Charles E. Howe and Mrs. E. J. Korrell entertained the Chapter at the home of Mrs. Korrell, corner of South and Maiden St. Despite the inclement weather there was a large attendance.

The literary and musical programme of the afternoon was exceptionally good. Mrs. Charles H. Palmer read selections from a poem by John Boyle O'Reilly in honor of the "Pilgrim Fathers". It was admirably appropriate to the meeting. Another interesting contribution to the programme of the day was a paper prepared and read by Mrs. Charles S. Proctor on the Statesmanship of Alexander Hamilton. The musical numbers were contributed by Mrs. Harriet Enant Spaulding who sang exquisitely several songs, Mrs. A. C. Spaulding accompanied. Refreshments were served: Mrs. Prentiss Webster

and Mrs. A. G. Walsh presiding at the tea and chocolate urn and other members of the chapter assisting in serving the guests. On January, the Chapter was entertained at the residence of Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson on Branch St. Mrs. Richardson and our Regent, Miss M. Ida Howe being the hostesses. The house was decorated with the national emblem, which with tropical plants and flowers, added color to an already artistic interior. At this meeting the names of the following members were chosen to attend the Continental Congress to be held in Washington, in February. Mrs. J. C. Dick, Regent, Alternate, Mrs. G. E. Brock, delegate, and Mrs. Franklin Bourse, delegate Alternate. The literary events of the afternoon was the reading by Mrs. C. E. A. Bartlett of a patriotic paper, compiled by herself on the "Life of Benjamin Franklin". The paper showed great power of analysis combined with a most happy mode of expression. Mrs. Mortimer Lauby then sang several solos very acceptably, after which a bountiful collation was served, the hostess being assisted by Miss Hildreth, Miss Webster and Miss Hovey. The attendance at this meeting was

very large; many invited guests outside
 the Chapter members being present.
 The birthday of Washington Feb. 22, was
 appropriately celebrated by the Chapter
 at the home of our Vice-Regent Mrs.
 Eugene Hyland on West 11th St. Mrs. Hyland
 and our Regent Miss Horre entertaining
 together. Aside from its patriotic features
 which, of course, were prominent in
 honor of the day, the meeting was a
 most delightful social event, and
 the attendance unusually large.
 The hostesses were assisted in receiving by
 the other Officers of the Board.
 The national colors were displayed outside
 and within the house and an orchestra
 in the hall played patriotic selections.
 The usual opening exercises were supple-
 mented with a paper on "The Courtship
 and Marriage of Washington" by Mrs.
 Sara Swan Griffin. After the reading,
 souvenir cards bearing a small portrait
 of Washington were distributed to all the
 guests. In the dining room which
 was tastefully decorated, Mrs. Charles
 Horre and Mrs. George Hooker in gowns
 fashioned after the style of Martha
 Washington and with powdered hair
 looked regal as they presided at the
 table. A unique collation consisting

old time dishes was served the guests, the waiting maids being dressed in colonial costumes. Mrs. James Keemin and Miss Irma Jarnum also assisted the hostesses.

The Business meetings which have been held at Memorial Hall, during the year, have been of more than ordinary interest. The first meeting held at the Hall, April 15, Mrs. Hylgen, in a very felicitous manner presented the Chapter, a beautifully mounted flag and standard, the Regent accepting the gift in behalf of the Chapter. At this meeting the Chapter voted to return to the State Federation. The literary events of the afternoon were a recitation by Miss Ruth Upton and the reading of "Old Glory" by Miss Abbie Crosby.

Another important business meeting was held in November to confirm delegates and alternates to attend the State Conference to be held in Methuen that month and to make arrangements for transportation.

The delegates and alternates named were, Miss Harrington, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Miss Brabrook, Mrs. Solon Stensens, Mr. Wm. Brazer, Mrs. Crawford Burnham, Miss Hildreth.

Mrs. Henry Perham, Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson,
 Mrs. Andrews, and Mrs. Griffin.

The conference was held Nov. 12, and was
 attended by some twenty six members
 of the Chapter who through the energy
 of the Registrar were enabled to make
 the trip in comfort and without charge
 in a special trolley car. Those of us who
 heard the report of the conference, read
 by the Recording Secretary, will not soon
 forget the witty account given by her of
 the Revolutionary Raid made by the
 Lowell Daughters upon the provisions at
 that occasion. At this November meeting
 held at Memorial Hall the literary exercises
 of the afternoon consisted of a paper by
 Mrs. Joseph Smith on Deborah Sampson,
 a heroine of the Revolution, and the read-
 ing of a poem "What Some Folks said of the
 L.S.A.R." by Mrs. Griffin.

At the business meeting held in March,
 the Nominating Committees presented
 their list of candidates for offices to be
 filled at the annual election in April.
 A Committee was appointed by the
 Regent to secure proper care and attention
 for the graves in the School St. Cemetery.
 The Committees were as follows.

Mrs. Solon Stevens, Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson,
 Mrs. C. W. Williams, Mrs. Cyrus Barton and

Mrs. Giffin. At this meeting, Mrs. J. C. Irish gave a very full and interesting account of the proceedings of the Continental Congress held in Washington, the preceding month and which she attended as delegate. The literary programme for the afternoon consisted of the reading by Mrs. Charles Palmer of a paper written by Mrs. Julian Talbot, entitled "Pen Pictures of Historical Characters". Also two poems of a patriotic nature were read by Mrs. Charles Epton in a very artistic manner.

The entertainments provided at all meetings during the year have been planned by the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Chairman. As in all other organizations, the practical work of the Chapter has been done by the various committees who have achieved very gratifying results along the patriotic lines chosen by them. A great deal of the arduous labor of committee work is never appreciated. The sacrifice of time and strength to attend the many meetings necessary for success in any committee work, the executive ability that plans the most expeditious way to accomplish the results desired, are

never known by the general public, all that is published is the report of work accomplished, not of the labor by which it was made possible.

One of the most successful Committees in our Chapter is the Shracut Library Memorial Committee. Mrs. Palmer who as Chair man of that committee has shown so much enthusiasm and awakened so much interest in her work, resigned her office the first of the year and Mrs. Henry M. Thompson was appointed by the Report in her place. Mrs. Thompson reports that the fund in the treasury of this committee amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars. of which over eighty have been given through the efforts of Miss Emma Varnum. Nearly four hundred books, has been contributed to the Town Library through the solicitations of the members of the committee, and they are now in communication with Ross Turner, the artist as to what form of memorial would be the most appropriate that the names of the Revolutionary soldiers of Shracut may be kept in everlasting remembrance.

The Historical Committee, Mrs. Charles Palmer Chairman, appointed as a

committee of research to collect data of colonial and Revolutionary interest in Lowell and vicinity have not completed their work but send in a short report. Two members of this committee, Mrs. Palmer and Miss Varnum who were to report for the town of Dracut are also members of the Dracut Memorial Committee and they join with pride to the list which has been compiled of the three hundred and fifty men who marched from Dracut to fight in the War for Independence, as a part of their quota of historical information. And Miss Varnum has copied with great care and accuracy the inscriptions of Revolutionary interest in the Varnum Burying Ground in Dracut and has sent them to the Genealogical Register for use in the Genealogical Rooms in Boston. Mrs. Brazer and Mrs. Griffin who were appointed to report for Lowell submit the following list of homesteads and localities which are of interest as either antedating or of Revolutionary times.

The Serrall Bone's House on Wood St.
built before 1686.

Location at the foot of Wood St. where a

Garrison House was erected by Major Finchman in 1675.

Clark's Tavern at Middlesex Village where the Hancock and other notabilities have been entertained.

The Henry Parker house on Pine St. built about 1663.

The spot at the corner of School and Westford Streets where the first school building ever erected in what is now Lowell was built in 1767 and from which School St. derived its name.

The site of the Captain John Ford House on Partridge St. from which he hastened April 19, 1775 at the sounding of the alarm gun.

The Joel Shalding estate antedating the Revolution.

The famous Livermore mansion built in 1750 and now standing in the grounds of St. John's Hospital.

The field on Powell St. where Benjamin Pierce who was twice Governor of New Hampshire and father of one of our Presidents, was ploughing on the eventful April 19, and from which he marched on foot to Concord.

Mrs. Daniel Farnum who was appointed to report in the same line for the town of Tennyson gives some very interesting facts.

The Old Hunt House in North Ferrisburgh is of Colonial times and evidently in days of Indian warfare, a place of shelter and rendezvous, as tradition states that within its ancient walls, the early settlers took refuge when fleeing from the knife of the Savage.

Also, that on Paul, River's farm on the north side, he sent couriers to Ferrisburgh Centre, and one to the North Village to alarm Capt. John Hull. Capt. Hull's home was almost opposite the Gen. Vanam House across the river, and on being aroused, the Captain hastily fired his gun from his window to a waken his distant neighbor, this being the signal agreed upon.

Capt. Hull and his company of trained men started for Concord, but the British having been repulsed before they reached there, the company returned home.

The Revolutionary training ground adjoined the Capt. Hull Homestead. The body of the valiant Captain lies at rest, in the ancient burial ground of Ferrisburgh Centre.

The old town of Chelmsford is so full of Revolutionary and Colonial tradition, that only the most important

data can be mentioned.

Miss Martha Warren reports as especially interesting facts to be mentioned. Firstly, the point in Chelmsford Centre from which the Minute Men marched on the morning April 19, and which has been marked with a boulder by our Chapter.

The Old Liske House furnished in ancient style and which was a habitable tavern in the early Colonial days.

The Old Garrison House off Chelmsford, near the Congregational Church, and the Revolutionary burying ground filled with stones whose inscriptions would almost make colonial history. These data are but a small portion of the interesting information collected, but it shows the scope and work of the Committee.

The historian suggests that this record be preserved as a nucleus for a Chapter History of Lowell and vicinity.

The Patriotic School Committee have given a very full and graphic account of their work up to the beginning of the year 1903. As is well known this Committee has concentrated its efforts in improving the condition of the Boys Club in Lowell by introducing manual

training and the group system of instruction. A teacher had been engaged for a course of ten lessons in cane seating for the boys in the club, but, out in February, at the close of the course, it was found that the boys in the class had not finished their chairs and had not become expert enough to go on with their work without a teacher.

Accordingly the question of money and means had to be considered and the committee were in perplexity and the boys in despair, but at this juncture, a member of the committee, Mr. Joseph Smith, donated to the class the sum of five dollars which paid for an additional course of five lessons and the chairs are now completed.

Certainly the boys in this class have reason to be very grateful to Mr. Smith. Robert Woods of the South End Mission in Boston is emphatic in his statement that the only way to gain influence over the members of a Boy's Club is to deal with them, not as a Club but as boys either individually or in groups, and Mr. H. M. Thompson was the first of the Patriotic Society Committee to volunteer to introduce the group system into our Boy's Club.

This attempt, she made very successful,
 giving weekly talks to a group of boys
 during the month of January.
 In February, Mrs. Griffin gave a course
 of talks on local history to a class of
 boys in the club, for she deemed it
 wise that the boys growing up among
 us, should know something of the
 past history of Lowell and the reason
 for its growth in the city. As an incentive
 to her class, Mrs. Griffin offered prize
 for the best expressed report of their
 previous weekly talk. The results were
 very gratifying and Mrs. Griffin has
 in her possession some very bright
 and well expressed essays on points
 of local history. This same line of local
 history work is being carried on by Mrs.
 Edwin Mead in Boston and by Mr. Robert
 Abbe in New York.
 During the month of March, through
 the efforts of Mrs. Adelia M. Parker,
 another member of the committee, talks
 have been given to the boys of the Club
 by the Misses Hill, Bragg, and Morse,
 instructress in the State Normal School.
 Would it not be a suggestion worth
 considering by the Charter, if during
 the present labor troubles, while so many
 boys are running aimlessly around

our streets, if arrangements could be
 made so that the rooms of the club
 be opened day times to give the boys a
 place of pure and healthful recreation.
 Through the zeal and courtesy of our
 registrar, Miss Harrington, our Chapter
 has largely added to its members
 during the past year, and while we
 gladly welcome the new comers who
 are to share our aims and aspirations,
 still it is with sorrow and regret
 that we look in vain for the once
 familiar faces that Death has removed
 forever from our earthly vision.
 The first to be called from among
 was Miss Sarah Spalding who died
 April 5, 1902. Those of us who knew
 of her peaceful and beautiful
 life here, can but rejoice that Death
 opened the portals for calmly and
 silently to a more peaceful and
 beautiful life beyond. As Miss
 Spalding had no near kindred to
 commemorate her many virtues, it
 was deemed wise by the Chapter
 that a Memorial should be prepared
 in her honor by the Chapter Historian
 which after being read to the
 Chapter was placed on record on the
 base of the Victorian.

The next to go was Miss Aradine Brown who died Mar. 21, 1902. Miss Brown came of sturdy Revolutionary stock, and her constant attendance at our meetings inspired that she inherited their love of patriotism. Her pleasant face and genial words of greeting and encouragement are missed by all her Chapter friends.

Although having resigned from the Chapter on account of continuous ill health, a few months before she died, Mrs. J. M. B. Parker had been so long identified with our interests, that it seems fitting that we should make her a member of our degree. Mrs. Parker who passed away Feb. 3, 1903 was a woman of strong character and of great literary ability. Her forefathers, who were prominent in both Colonial and Revolutionary times helped make our New England what it is and impressed their love of right-borne ness and patriotism on the localities in which they lived.

Mrs. Parker inherited these characteristics to a marked degree and her place in our community can never be filled.

March 11, 1903 The Angel Death came

again among us and our beloved Mrs. C. E. A. Bartlett passed away with him. Our loss is so recent that it is impossible to speak of her yet, without deep sorrow. Mrs. Bartlett was an exceptionally gifted woman and was a thorough student of the best literature but her special study was to live the "higher life", and of late years, her true spiritual nature carried her so far into the spiritual world that it seemed to her friends as if Heaven had already begun for her here. It is pleasant for the historian to note that during this last year, the custom has been established, in the Chapter of sending a floral tribute, as a symbol of our wish, to the last services that are held over our dear departed ones, and it is possible that those whom we call dead, love and appreciate this token of our sympathy.

"There is no Death, What seems so is transition,
This life of mortal breath;
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call Death."

At the close of this our official year, it is but fitting that the Chapter should express its appreciation for the very efficient and

faithful service which has been given it,
 to its chosen officers and managers.
 It would be a very pleasing task to
 thank each one personally for the kindly
 courtesy and untiring labor, with which
 she has taken up and carried through,
 the duties incumbent on her office, but
 in as full and unbroken a paper as this
 has already necessarily become, such
 a task is an impossibility, so the Chapter
 expresses its thanks to the Board as a
 whole, and especially to its retiring officers.
 To our Recording Secretary Mrs. Joseph
 Smith who for nine years has served us
 in that capacity, our warmest words of
 appreciation are due. Besides her clerical
 work as secretary, Mrs. Smith has had
 charge of nearly all the printing, com-
 piling, and manuscript work that has
 been sent out by the Chapter during the
 last nine years. To her executive ability,
 promptness and efficiency we are all
 greatly indebted.
 Our thanks are also extended to our retir-
 ing corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Solon Sterens
 who has served us in that capacity during
 the last year. Besides the labor that she
 has given us in her office as correspond-
 ing Sec. Mrs. Sterens has always been lavish
 in her hospitality to the Chapter and we are

As we recall with pleasant memories, our re-union in her beautiful home.

The Historian is glad to report the pleasure of our "Real Laughter" Mrs. Rhoda Chick and suggests that it might be a graceful act to forward to Mrs. Chick occasionally, some record of the work of the Molly Farnum Chapter to show that we wish her to share in our patriotic undertakings.

The Historian is also glad to say that through the two important Reports which she has sent yearly to the Smithsonian Institute and the State Regent, the Molly Farnum Chapter has become known as a Working Chapter standing for practical patriotism.

The Historian has been gratified that Chapters in other states have read of our work and recognize us as an influence for earnest effort along the lines of the U. A. R. and she recommends again as she has in the past, that the Board should subscribe to some Patriotic Magazine which reports the achieve ments of the various Chapters throughout the U. S.

In retiring from the office of Historian and from the Board, I wish to

express my thanks to the members of the Board for the kindness and courtesy which has always been extended to me in their meetings, and to the Charter in its forbearance towards the many errors which doubtless, I have unknowingly committed.

Sara Susan Griffin,
Historian.

From April 1, 1903 to April 1, 1904

April 3. The annual meeting was held at Memorial Hall and the following named officers were elected.

President, Mrs. M. Ida Horre
 Vice Regent, Mrs. Eugene S. Lusk
 Treasurer, Mrs. George L. Richardson
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles E. Horre
 Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Rosell
 Registrar, Mrs. M. Blanche Harrington
 Historian, Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
 Managers, Mrs. George L. Richardson, Mrs. Ella L. Harrington, Mrs. W. A. Dickinson, Mrs. John C. Dick.

The registrar reported the membership of 108.

The Chapter voted to append the By-Laws relating to the transfer of local chapter members, in 1903, from the Molokai Chapter.

Refer to Scrap Book

April 18. Meeting at Memorial Hall in commemoration of Patriots' Day. Mrs. C. Burnham gave a talk on Abigail Adams.

Refer to Scrap Book.

May 9. Meeting at Memorial Hall. Mr. G. A. Brock read a paper on Hancock. Refer to Scrap Book.

June 25. Meeting at Braut.

The presentation to the Braut Library
of the Memorial to the Braut soldiers
of the Revolution.

Refer to Scrap Book.

Oct. 17. Meeting held at residence of Miss
Lucy A. Hill

Refer to Scrap Book

Nov. Meeting at Memorial Hall.
Miss Katherine Abbott read from her
new book on "Old Paths and Legends
of New England."

Refer to Scrap Book

Dec. 16. Meeting held at residence of Mrs. Clam-
ford Burnham to celebrate "Boston Tea
Party day" Mrs. C. M. Pearson, Mrs.
Emmie Smith, and Mrs. Burnham
being the hostesses.

Refer to Scrap Book

Jan. 16. Meeting held at the residence of
Mrs. Smith T. Lord.
Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Chas. T. Union and Mrs.
Benton L. Wiggan as hostesses.

Refer to Scrap Book.

Feb. 4 Meeting at Memorial Hall
 Mr. Geo. L. Richardson read a paper
 on George Washington.

March 17. Meeting held to celebrate Evacuation
 Was at the residence of Mr A. J. Walsh
 and Miss Brooks

The proposed amendment to Article IV
 of the By-Laws limiting the mem-
 bership of the chapter to 200. was
 voted upon and passed after
 discussion.

Refer to Scrap Book.

The Smithsonian Report sent in January

The Molly Varnum Chapter has held the usual number of meetings at which papers on patriotic interest were contributed by different members.

As the Chapter now numbers 178 it has been thought best to divide into committees working on different lines.

The Dracut Library Memorial Committee much began its work some two years before succeeded in gathering together some 400 volumes for the Library and on the 25th of June presented to the Trustees their beautiful Memorial to the Dracut soldiers of the Revolution.

The list of over 400 names were collected by diligent and careful research from the Mass. Archives and the town records of Dracut.

The Chapter together with descendants of these soldiers from all over the country contributed over two hundred dollars.

Mr. Rose Turner of Boston, the eminent artist was selected to design a book to contain the names. The result was a volume constructed to represent an old illuminated church missal.

The decoration consists of the flora of New England conventionalized interspersed with copies of designs of old flags and

the patriotic emblem. The binding is of olive green pigskin with gold tooling.

A desk of colonial style was specially designed to contain this book, and was presented at the same time to the Library, and a copy of Howdine, poet of Washington with an appropriate bracket was given by a Chapter member. A small tract of land adjoining that on which the Library stands was also donated by two other Chapter members.

The Sacut Memorial Library Committee, having substantially assisted in the formation of a Public Library for Sacut and by their Memorial gifts testified to the intent of the Melly Karam Chapter in honoring and preserving the name of the Sacut hero, considered their work ended and the committee were then and there dissolved.

The Committee on Patriotic School work have turned their attention principally this year to the Lowell Boy's Club, which has an average attendance of between 200 and 300 boys monthly.

Besides furnishing a large lantern for

During the course of the year, the
 Committee has collected books, games
 etc. for the boys amusement.
 A teacher in cane seating has been
 paid by the Committee and they have
 also arranged for several talks on
 different subjects by volunteers speak-
 ers, under their auspices the boys
 gave an entertainment at the end
 of the seasons work in June last
 and the ladies furnished refresh-
 ments. The cane in cane seating
 was again started by the Committee
 this winter and ^{plans} now being dis-
 cussed for more practical work.
 The Historical Committee have done
 active work in collecting and arrang-
 ing historical data in and about Lowell,
 meetings have been held at the Drake
 estate in Longfellow, the Manning estate
 in Billerica, the Paulding homestead in
 Merrimack, the House in Chelmsford,
 the Warren homestead in Middlesex
 Village, the Goddard homestead in
 Braintree. These are old towns from which
 Lowell was formed, the houses mentioned
 above were some of the oldest in their
 respective neighborhoods.
 At these meetings many old residents
 have contributed most interesting

remigesences, and much valuable
matter has been collected by these
means and great interest aroused.

Ellen Starr Thompson.
[Me. H. M. Thompson] Historian
for 2 1/2 yrs.

Report sent to State Report.

Active membership April 1, 1904	173
Correct membership Feb. 22, 1903	155
Gain by new members up to April 1, 1904	18
Gain by transfers	One
Loss by transfers	None
Loss by death	Two
Loss by resignation	One
"Real Slughters" April 1904	One
Number of "Real Slughters" since Chapter formed —	One
amt. contributed to Continental Hall fund from Feb. 22, 1903 to April 1, 1904	Nothing
to contributed for other particular purposes in the same time	\$259.00
Number of graves of Rev. Soldiers marked by this Chapter	None
For the work of the Chapter see The Smithsonian Report.	

Miss Elving the Year April 1, 1903
to April 1, 1904

Mrs. Charlotte Stram Howard
died November 8, 1903
Refer to Scrap Book

Mrs. Alice Patch Homer
died March 5, 1904
Refer to Scrap Book

"Molly Varnum"

The "Molly Varnum" Chapter D.A.R. of Lowell was named for Molly Varnum the wife of General Joseph Bradley Varnum of Orant in recognition of the services of which she is an example, the unrecalled services of the wives and mothers of the American Revolution.

Molly Varnum was born June 4, 1750 and was the daughter of Jacob Butler of Pelham and of Mary Combs, his wife. She was married January 26, 1773 to Joseph Bradley Varnum of Orant, whose after life was an uninterrupted career of public service. He was a captain of militia from Middlesex County during the Revolution, later, Major General of the forces of the Commonwealth, Representative, Senator, and Comptroller of the State, Member of the United States Congress, Speaker of the National House of Representatives, and United States Senator from Massachusetts.

Molly Varnum, like other patriotic women during the struggle for Independence -

was devoted to the cause for which her husband fought. Both of her own resources went to equip the Draught troops and she toiled early and late, denying herself many comforts that she might give more freely to the defenders of her country, and, in after years, when General Varnum was in Congress, Molly Varnum managed with great capability and prudence, the large farm and other landed property that belonged to the estate.

Molly Varnum was the mother of twelve children, some of whom died before reaching maturity.

Their names are as follows: -

Hilly	born in	1773.
Polly	"	" 75
Phoebe	"	" 77
George W.	"	" 79
Abigail	"	" 81
Sarah	"	" 83
Joseph B.	"	" 85
James M.	"	" 87
Jacob B.	"	" 89
Phebe ^{2nd}	"	" 91
John H.	"	" 93
Benjamin H.	"	" 95.

Joseph B. Varnum, one of the sons, became a successful merchant of New York, amassing a large fortune. Jacob B. Varnum was a prominent and influential resident of Petersburg, Virginia, and Benjamin V. Varnum was, for many years, High Sheriff of Middlesex County.

Molly Varnum rests now in the "Old Varnum Burying Ground" in Oracut, by the side of her husband, who had died twelve years before, and her headstone bears the following inscription. —

"Erected to the memory of Mrs. Molly Varnum, widow of the Hon. Joseph B. Varnum, who died April 17, 1833 Aet. 82 years, 10 mos. and 2 ds.

"She riseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her Household and a portion to her maidens."

"Her children arise up and call her blessed! her Husband also, and he praiseth her."

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness"

and all her paths are peace."

"Strength and honor are her clothing
and she shall rejoice in time
to come."

Copy of the above sketch sent to the
State Regent, Mrs. Charles Mosburg.
Danvers, Mass.

Copy of the above sketch with a list
of the Committee from the Chapter
for the P. A. R. Bazaar - held in
Boston, Dec. 13, 14, 15. Sent
to the "Boston Herald".

Inscription on the Headstone of
General Joseph Bradley Varnum,
the husband of Mitty Varnum.

"Erected in memory of Hon. Joseph
Bradley Varnum. Whose life was a series
of public acts, rendering the most
important services to his country in affairs
of trust and honor sustained in the
town, state, or nation.

At the age of 18 he was chosen Captain
and held that position during the
Revolutionary War, and until he was
chosen Colonel in 1787. In 1800, he
was chosen Brigadier General - and
in 1805, Major General, which office
he held until his death.

From 1780 to 1795, he was a member
of the House of Representatives and
Senate of Mass., and a member
of the Convention that framed
the Constitution in 1780 and
revised it in 1780, and from 1785
to 1817 a member of the House of
Representatives and Senate of the
United States, during which time he
was Speaker of the House 4 years
and President of the Senate 1 year.
He died at the full height of

*of Immortality. Sept. 1821. at the age
of 70 years.*

List of Committees from Melly Varum
Chapter. D. A. R. to work etc the
D. A. R. Bazaar to be held in Copley
Hall. Boston. Dec. 13, 14, 15 - 1904.

Mrs. H. M. Thompson - Regent.

Miss Abbie Davis, Chairman of Com.
Mrs. Charles E. Paige - Asst. Ch.
Miss John P. Horner - Secretary
Mrs. Solon Stevens, Treasurer.

Executive Committee.

Miss Abbie Davis
Mrs. Josiah French
Miss Marion Keyes
Mrs. Charles E. Paige
Mrs. Henry Fuller
Miss Solon Stevens
Mrs. Walter Parker.
Miss John P. Horner.
Mrs. Charles E. Horne
Mrs. George H. Richardson.

Working Committee.

Mrs. George W. Miller
 Mrs. Charles Carter
 Mrs. W. H. Lathrop
 Mrs. James J. Kervin
 Mrs. Cyrus Barton
 Miss Florence Young
 Mrs. William Brazer
 Mrs. William Andrews
 Mrs. George E. Bicknell
 Mrs. Walter Coburn
 Miss Maud Burs.
 Mrs. Charles C. S. Wheeler
 Mrs. A. G. Walsh.

Soliciting Committee

Mrs. Watson A. Dickinson
 Mrs. Frank B. Gore
 Miss Harriet C. Sargent
 Mrs. Henry Kuller
 Mrs. Nath. W. Peabody
 Mrs. Arvin B. Runkle
 Mrs. Fred G. Tilton.

Abstract of Report asked for in regard
to expenditures of Chapter for Patriotic
purposes since formation.

Sent in Nov. 1914.

Harvard House	
Chelmsford Boulder -	\$ 90.00
High School -	20.00
Bartlett School -	15.64
Chelmsford Centre School -	2.00
Flag for Whittier Ess. Amosbury	2.60
Roger Walcott Fund	10.00
Boys Club and Centralville School -	55.00
Phacut Library Book -	50.00
Bust & Silk Flags -	?
Total about 255.00	

Report given to Historian by the Treasurer.

1904. April 1.

The first day of April the annual meeting of the Muddy Farmington Chapter was held in Memorial Hall for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the hearing of reports.

Mrs. M. J. Dora gave the Report regarding the Reports from the different officers of Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson - Treasurer - Miss M. Blanche Harrington Registrar Mrs. Charles E. Howe Recording Sec. - Mrs. E. V. Kneell - Corresponding Sec. Mrs. H. M. Thompson - Historian were read.

Also Reports from Mrs. E. C. Brock Chairman of Patriotic Committee showing the good work done during the year - and one from Mrs. Sarah Susan Griffin - Chairman of the Distensions Committee.

The election of officers for the year coming was as follows -

Regent - Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
Vice-Regent - Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson
Recording Sec. Mrs. Charles E. Howe
Corresponding Sec. Mrs. E. V. Kneell
Treasurer & Miss M. Blanche Harrington.

Registrar - Miss Lena Merrill
 Historian Mrs. Sara Susan Griffin
 Board of Management -
 Mrs. Geo. H. Richardson
 Mrs. John C. Irish
 Mrs. W. A. Dickinson
 Miss Ella Hildult.

The Regent Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
 appointed the following named ladies
 as Chairmen of the several committees.

Mrs. W. A. Dickinson - Entertainment Committee
 Mrs. Charles Ypton - House " "
 Mrs. John C. Irish - Topic " "
 Mrs. Franklin Nourse - Historical " "
 Mrs. Angelica Parker - Patriotic " "
 Mrs. Charles Williams - Educational " "
 Mrs. C. B. Landolt - Sick " "

May 5, 1904

A business meeting of the Chapter was
 held at Memorial Hall to act on proposed
 amendments to the By laws of the Constitution.
 Mrs. Henry M. Thompson Regent -
 presiding - The amendments failed to
 pass.

Patriots' Day 1904, Celebrated at Mrs. James Kennick's
 See Scrap Book

Friday June 17. The Molly Varnum Chapter celebrated Dunster Hill Day by a trip to Wrentham.
See Scrap Book.

October 19, 1904 - The Molly Varnum Chapter celebrated the Anniversary of Battle of Yorktown by a reception at the residence of Mrs. C. A. Brown -
See Scrap Book -

Nov. 11, 1904. The regular monthly meeting was held at Memorial Hall Mrs. Henry M. Thompson Regent presiding.
See Scrap Book.

Dec. 9, 1904. The monthly meeting of the Molly Varnum Chapter was held in Memorial Hall. Mrs. H. M. Thompson Regent - presiding. An invitation was recd from the S. A. R. inviting the Chapter to be present at the dedication of the Tablet and Boulder - in the grounds of "Yellow Meeting House" - Dec. 17.

Articles made for Bazaar in Boston to be held Dec. 13, 14, 15. will on exhibition and for sale.

This meeting should have followed in record -
the one held October. 19. 1904.

Sat. Oct. 22. 1904 - A business meeting of the
Molly Varnum Chapter was held at
Memorial Hall to elect delegates for
the State Conference held in Boston
The delegates were as follows! -

An executive committee from the Chapter to
help in the D. A. R. Bazaar in Boston in
Dec. were elected as follows -

Miss Abbie Davis - Chairman
Mrs. Howe - Mrs. Fuller. Mrs. Paige - Mrs.
Stevens. Mrs. Varnum. Mrs. Buck. Mrs. Horner
Mrs. French. Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Geo. F. Richardson
Miss Harriet Hovey. Miss Marion Keyes.
For other ~~committee~~ ~~consult~~ previous
reports -

O. A. R. Bazaar held in Copley Hall -
Boston. Dec. 13. 14. 15.

See Scrap Book.

January 6. 1904.

Friday, a business meeting of the
Innely Tarnum Chapter was held in
Memorial Hall - Mrs. Henry W. Thompson
Regent - presiding.

The following named ladies were
elected delegates and alternates to
represent the Chapter at the Continental
Congress to be held in Washington,
in April.

Delegates.

Mrs. Henry W. Thompson - Regent -
Mrs. Thomas Nesmith
Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson.

Alternates.

Mrs. Selow Stevens.	Mrs. O. B. Randlett.
Mrs. Charles Paige.	Mrs. C. E. Howe.
Mrs. E. Y. Howell.	Miss Abbie Davis
Mrs. Walter Parker.	Mrs. Albert Peirce
Mrs. John Horner.	Mrs. Henry Lambert
Miss Helen Lambert.	Miss H. E. Brabrook
Mrs. William Andrews.	Miss Marian Keyes.

Thursday Jan. 19.

The Molly Varnum will hold its regular monthly meeting at Memorial Hall.

See Scrap Book.

Feb 10. Friday

A Business meeting of the Chapter was held at Memorial Hall.

to offer an amendment to Article 6. Section 3 of the By Laws.

Feb. 22. The Molly Varnum Chapter met at the residence of Mrs.

Adelbert Ames on Andrew St. - to celebrate Washington's Birthday.

See Scrap Book.

March 7. Tuesday

There was a business meeting of the Chapter held at Memorial Hall. to act on the following business.

1st To act on the following amendment to Article 6. Section 3 of the By Laws.

"moved to amend by striking out the word 'April' and substituting the word 'May' so that it shall read -
"And thereafter the Annual Meeting

shall be held on the first Friday
in May of each year."

2nd You appoint a nominating
committee.

3rd You take action on the presentation
of a picture to Continental Hall. at
Washington. by the State D. A. R.
and transact any other business
that may properly come before the
meeting.

April 19. Wednesday - The chapter
was entertained at the residence
of Mrs. Asa Russell on Childs St.
See Scrap Book.

Deaths.

Mrs. May C. McIntosh who died at her home 201 Wilder St. April 7, 1905. Friday, aged 39 years was born in Putnam N.H. and came to Lowell while yet a small girl and has since resided here. In 1893 she was married to Geo. A. McIntosh, who with a son seven years of age survives her.

For many years she was a member of the Walker Street Methodist Church.

She was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends to whom her high character and many lovable traits had endeared her. She was also a member of the Molly Tammun Chapter D. A. R. Funeral Services were held from her late home Monday afternoon, April 10, and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Ayrick of the Walker St. Methodist Church.

The Smithsonian Report, sent in January, 1905.

The Molly Tarnum Chapter D. S. R. of Lowell, Mass. Mrs. Henry M. Thompson, Regent, has held its regular monthly meetings during the year, several being held in Memorial Hall, while others of a more social nature have been held in the homes of different members of the Chapter.

And one very enjoyable historical outing on June 17, by steamed up the beautiful Merrimack river and past the burial place of Hannah and her husband.

At these meetings, papers of a patriotic nature have been read and addresses have been given, either by members of the Chapter, or by outsiders in sympathy with the aims of the D. S. R.

At the beginning of the year several committees for different lines of work were appointed by the Regent. But owing to considerable illness among the members of the committee, there is very little completed work that can be reported.

The membership of the Chapter has been limited to two hundred members, and the membership of the Chapter has reached the limit and a waiting list has been established.

At the D. A. R. Bazaar held in Cobbley Hall, Boston, Dec. 13, 14, 15 to aid in building Continental Hall in Washington D. C. the Molly Varnum Chapter, in conjunction with the Samuel Adams Chapter of Melbourn, had a very successful Bazaar Table, the contributions being from the local factories and manufactures.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sara Susan Griffin, Victoria.

Report sent to Mrs. Anna D. Bailey -
 Newton, Mass.
 State Historian of the D. A. R.

Since the formation of the newly formed
 Chapter D. A. R. of Lowell, Mass. in 1894,
 it has been active along the lines of
 Educational, Patriotic and Historical
 work, which it had decided as being
 of especial interest to the Chapter
 members.

A large and massive boulder has
 been placed in Chelmsford Centre on the
 spot from which the Minute men of Chelmsford
 and vicinity started on the day of the
 memorable fight at Concord and Lexington.
 The placing of this boulder was attended
 by appropriate exercises including
 Patriotic speeches and music.

The Whittier Ass. of Amesbury, Mass. has
 donated a flag by the Chapter as to all
 New England people the poems of John G.
 Whittier embody so many of our Revolutionary
 and Colonial legends.

Believing it is a part of Patriotic Work
 to assist the boys of our city, especially
 those of foreign birth, by every means
 in our power in becoming good citizens.

the Molly Barnum Chapter has done much for the Boys Club of Lowell. The Chapter has donated funds to the Club, paid for an instructor in writing and cane seating and members of the Chapter have taken charge of classes or groups of boys in the Club, instructing them in music, history, and other appropriate subjects.

The Molly Barnum Chapter was named for Molly Barnum of Dracut, wife of Gen. Joseph B. Barnum and it has seemed most appropriate to our Chapter to assist in some form of memorial for the town. Under the able leadership of Mrs. H. W. Thompson Chairman, a special committee from the Chapter gave material assistance in both books and money towards forming a Town Library in Dracut and also a Memorial in the form of a Book containing in illuminated text the names of the 423 soldiers who enlisted from Dracut at the time of the Revolutionary War, was donated to the town. This book was the work of Liza Turner the artist and is a beautiful specimen of American Art. A Bust and Plaque were also donated to the Dracut Library by this same committee.

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Report of the Historian. Mrs. Henry M.
Thompson - for the year ending April
1. 1904.

"Our Chapter will, before many months
reach the advanced age of ten years.
Several of those present here to day also
assembled at the first meeting called
by our newly appointed Regent - Mrs. H. Y.
Greenhalgh. Her memory turns us back
to that first meeting. We realize that
time has brought many changes in our
midst and as we look at the strong,
lusty well-grown Molly Warrums of to-
day, we can hardly recognize even the
outlines of the young Molly Warrums
whose tottering footsteps served general
welfare caused so much solicitude.
Death has claimed three from the ranks
of our founders. Mrs. Palmer. Miss Lucy E.
Warrum and our first vice-regent. Mrs.
J. M. E. Parker. May it be said of each
one of us as it can be truly said of
each one of them - she was a noble,
courteous, true-hearted American woman.

The Chapter has held nine (9)
meetings, in addition to the Annual
meeting, during the past year.

Four of these were held in Memorial Hall.

Nov. April 19. Mrs. Crawford Burnham and Miss M. C. Webster gave a talk on Abigail Adams.

May 9. A musical programme was furnished under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Dickinson and Mrs. Bruck furnished a paper on John Hancock.

At the November meeting, Miss Katherine Abbott read extracts from her latest book, Old Paths and Legends of New England, and Miss Harrington gave a report of the State Convention at Bructon.

Feb. 4. Mrs. G. L. Richardson reads a paper on George Washington. These different papers, showed careful preparation, and great originality of treatment, the ladies apparently having spent much time in searching out new material which made them most interesting and instructive.

Nov. October 7. Miss Lucy Hill entertained the Chapter and a most interesting programme consisting of music and recitations was furnished. Mrs. Crawford Burnham gave an informal

talk which was as usual enthusiastically received, and our Regent, Miss Hone, and Miss Edith Kiesel, were persuaded to give a short account of their travels during the summer months. The rooms were appropriately decorated and Miss Hills' hospitality was greatly appreciated by all present.

On December 16th - Ye - party - day.
 Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Pearson, and Mrs. Smith joined in entertaining the Chapter at the home of Mrs. Burnham.
 The programme consisted of several songs sung by Mrs. Kervin who is a great favorite with the ladies of the Chapter.
 Mrs. Hpton and Miss Lerby read patriotic selections; the latter attired in a captivating velvet cloak and a most astonishing bonnet. The dining-rooms with its old-time dainties, presided over by ladies in the picturesque costume of our grandmothers, made a picture long to be remembered, while the mulled cider, cranberry tarts, and peppermints tho' late to sight are to memory dear.

Sat. Jan. 16. the Chapter again met on
 invitation of Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Opley and
 Mrs. Burton Higgins at the residence of
 Mrs. Ford. The programme opened
 with two songs by Mrs. Pepin and a
 recitation by Mrs. Opley. We were then
 taken in spirit on a most delightful
 visit among Old Colonial Homes of
 the South. Such an atmosphere of
 Southern hospitality permeated the
 whole affair, that everyone was
 quite willing to pronounce this meeting
 one of the successes of the year.

On March 17. by invitation of Mrs. Walsh
 and Miss Babcock, the Chapter met
 at the residence of Mrs. A. G. Walsh.
 A musical programme consisting of
 singing by Miss Ruthyford and a violin
 solo by Miss Williams were greatly
 enjoyed and Mrs. Williams read a splendid
 paper on the Siege of Boston with a
 little St. Patrick's, thrown in, in honor of
 the day. A large number were present
 and the very appropriate decorations
 and souvenirs were much admired.
 As you all doubtless are aware
 much of the real work of the year
 has been carried on by the three

Committees formed with special objects in view. One, the committee for Patriotic School Work, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. E. C. Bruck; another the Historical Committee, Mrs. C. Griffin, Chairwoman, the third, the Grant Library Memorial Committee. The work of the first two committees will be reported by their respective Chairmen, while that of the Memorial Committee has been incorporated into this report.

That the Grant Library with its artistic furnishings and row after row of well-filled bookshelves is a reality and not a dream, that the labors around the building reaches out to its proper limit on every side, and that the Grant Soldiers of the Revolution have so unique and fitting a memorial is due to the untiring efforts of the Committee and to the generosity of the Chapter and the descendants of the Grant soldiers. Grant co-operated with all our plans with so much enthusiasm and lavish generosity that the presentation on June 28th passed off with credit to both City and ~~land~~. It was a happy day throughout, and the

speeches were all so well delivered, it seemed difficult to believe that all of the speakers were debutantes in the art of replying to toasts.

Our distinguished guests Mrs. Masury and Mrs. M. C. Dean were greatly enjoyed and the gentlemen present satisfied in no uncertain terms as to the success of the occasion.

In closing this report, our Association wishes to state that the prompt and reliable notices for the press, especially those sent to the Transcript and Sunday papers, and the up-to-date news of the Scrap-book are due entirely to the able and systematic assistance of Miss Lavinia Merrill. When urged to accept this office, I felt unable to promise, owing to circumstances to keep up these details as well as many others connected with the work in the way the Chapter had every right to expect. All this work which involves much care and no little trouble has been always ready and always well and most cheerfully performed for which services, your most grateful

Historian publicly gives thanks.
Respectfully submitted.

Ellen Straw Thompson.
April 1. 1904.

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The Historical Committee of the Chapter has done much to awaken interest in local history in the towns adjacent Lowell, by monthly meetings held in historic houses in the towns of Tyngsboro, Westford, Billerica, Amesbury, Chelmsford, Lowell, and Braintree. At these meetings, addresses were made or papers read on the Revolutionary and Colonial history of the town in which the meetings were held. valuable historic data collected and in each town the list of the Revolutionary soldiers were most carefully compiled.

Our public schools have also received donations from our Chapter. Bas-reliefs, Busts, and Engravings of Patriotic subjects having been presented to the High, Bartlett, Primary, and Chelmsford Schools.

Various sums of money have been given at different times to aid the Hanukkah Fund, the Roger Valiant Fund, Cuban Soldiers and Teachers.

At the Bazaar recently held in Boston in aid of the Continental Hall.

the Molly Varnum Chapter in conjunction
with the Samuel Adams Chapter of Melburn
contributed by aid of the Tio life Table,
one hundred and fifty three dollars,
and in addition to ~~the~~ sum, the Molly
Varnum Chapter alone, contributed one
hundred and three dollars raised
through assessments and donations.

The Molly Varnum Chapter, has, since
its inception observed Memorial Days
and held regular monthly meetings.

Respectfully,
Sara Shaw Griffin. Secy.
March 1905.

Historian's Report.

The first meeting of our Chapter for the present year was held April 1, 1904 for the reading of the annual reports and the election of officers who were as follows.

Regent Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
 Vice-regent Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson
 Recording Sec. Mrs. Charles E. Love
 Corresponding Sec. Mrs. E. Y. Howell
 Treasurer (Miss) Blanche Harrington
 Registrar Miss Lena Merrill
 Historian Mrs. Sara Swan Gaffney
 Board of managers.

Mrs. Geo. H. Richardson
 Mrs. John C. Irish
 Mrs. W. H. Dickerson
 Miss Ella Aldrich.

In order that the Chapter work for the year might be systematized, the Regent appointed the following ladies to chairmen of different committees:

Mrs. W. H. Dickerson - Entertainment Committee
 Mrs. Charles Gifford - House Committee
 Mrs. John C. Irish - Yopins
 Mrs. Franklin Fouse - Historian
 Mrs. Adeline Parker - Patriotic

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May 1905 to May 1906.

The Molly Barnum Chapter D. A. R.
held its Annual meeting in Memorial
Hall. May 5, 1905.

The following officers were elected.

Regent Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
Vice Regent Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson
Treasurer Miss Blanche Harrington
Registrar Miss Lena Merrill.

Cor. Sec. Mrs. Burton Wiggin

Rec. Sec. Mrs. Charles E. Howe

Historian Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin

Board of Managers.

Mrs. E. Y. Kenell

Mrs. Prentiss Webster

Mrs. Franklin Nourse

Mrs. Nathaniel Peabody.

The Reports of Officers and Committees
were read.

An Enticing Committee was appointed
Miss Frances Brabrook
Miss Emma Hazen
Mrs. Cyrus Barter
Mrs. John Gull
Mrs. Nath. Peabody.

The Regent reported that through the efforts of the Civil Committee and her own personal work, the janitors of the City of Lowell had been placed on the Civil Service list.

Copy of above sent to Boston
Manuscript.

Mrs. Charles Williams Educational
 Mrs. C. B. Harlett. Writing.

Besides the annual meeting there have been thirteen meetings of the Chapter, nine being held in Memorial Hall, the other four being more of a social nature.

The first Chapter meeting was on May 5 and was for the purpose of acting on amendments to the By Laws of the Constitution. The proposed amendments failed to pass.

Oct. 22, a business meeting of the Chapter, was held to elect delegates for the State conference held in Boston.

Mrs. Harrington. Mrs. Walter Parker
 Mrs. E. Y. Harrell. Mrs. Dickerson
 Mrs. Page. Mrs. Solon Stevens.
 Mrs. Luke Ketcher. Mrs. Joseph Smith
 Mrs. Abbie Davis. Mrs. Frank Hentzen
 Mrs. Henry Kuller. Mrs. Ella Aldrich

Also an executive committee from the Chapter to help in the S. S. A.

Bazaar in Boston in December were elected as follows.

Miss Effie Davis, Chairman.
 Mrs. Charles E. Fager, Treas. Ch.
 Mrs. John P. Dornier, Sec.
 Mrs. Helen Stevens, Treasurer.

The Committee thus chosen added to their number others and divided themselves into Executive Com., a Working Com., and a Soliciting Com. (70412)

The Bazaar which was held in Colley Hall, Boston, Dec. 13, 14, 15, in aid of Continental Hall, Washington was a great success, and to this success the Mully Barnum Chapter aided most materially. In conjunction with the Samuel Adams Chapter of Methuen, our Chapter furnished a table known as the Yeatile table, devoted to local industries. This table netted at the Bazaar, the sum of \$153.00. Besides this, our Chapter alone, through assessments, donations and a sale of articles at Memorial Hall, raised \$203.00. This brief mention of the work accomplished by our Chapter in aid of the Bazaar does but scant justice to the arduous labors of

of the Committee under the able
 leadership of Miss Davis.

Their zeal and enthusiasm deserve
 a much larger notice.

Nov. 11 was the date of the next
 Memorial Hall meeting at which
 Rev. Geo. H. Bennett addressed the
 members of the Chapter present
 on "Lowell as a Field for Patriotic
 Work." He spoke with special reference
 to the foreign population, relating
 incidents that had come under his
 personal observation where foreigners
 in Lowell have shown the true
 spirit of patriotism. Mrs. C. J. Oyster
 read patriotic selections.

A business meeting was held in
 Memorial Hall Jan. 6. to elect
 delegates and alternates to the
 Continental Congress to be held
 in Washington in April.

Delegates!

Mrs. Henry M. Thompson. Agent

Mrs. Thomas Nesmith

Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson.

Alternates.

Mrs. Solomon Stevens. Mrs. Charles Paige
 Mrs. A. B. Randall. Mrs. C. E. Howe.
 Mrs. E. J. Howell. Miss Abbie Davis
 Mrs. Walter Parker. Mrs. Albert Pines
 Mrs. John Hargis. Mrs. Henry Lambert
 Miss Helen Lambert. Miss H. E. Drabuck
 Mrs. Wm. Andrews. Miss Maria Rice.

Thursday Jan. 19 a meeting of the Yaffee
 was held at Memorial Hall. The
 exercises consisted of a reading by
 Rev. Charles J. Billings from Emerson.
 an address by W. W. Crook. Principals
 of the Astor School who told about
 the work of that institution. Mr.
 Hershner of Salem gave a talk on
 Art, and music was furnished by
 Mrs. Etta Kutterford, Mr. W. J. Reid,
 and Mrs. James Lewis.

In Feb. and March business meetings
 were held to act on the proposal of
 extending the Chafoe year to May.
 This amendment to the by-laws was
 passed.

The first social event of the year was a most delightful meeting of the Chapter at the residence of Mrs. James Herwin on Patriot's Day. The programme consisted of music and a well written and very interesting paper on "The pioneers in American History" by Mrs. J. C. Davis who departs from the beaten path pursued by most patriotic literary tourists in the realm of national history and wrote of the discoveries and adventures of the early explorers Lewis and Clark, Boone, Fremont, and Kit Carson. Music was furnished by Miss Gerish, Mrs. Sherburne, and Mrs. Herwin. In the dining room were attractive decorations in the national colors. Mrs. Joseph Smith and Mrs. W. A. Dickerson presided at the table.

Bunker Hill Day June 17 was celebrated by the Chapter by an excursion up the Merrimack in the steamer Dr. Allen, to the cottage of Mrs. Wm. Spalding which occupies one of the most beautiful sites on the bank of the river. Exercises in keeping with the spirit of the holiday were held

out of doors. Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson the vice-
regent presiding. A historical paper
appropriate to the day and the situation
was read by Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin.
Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson read Whittier's
poem of "The Minuteman" and Mrs.
Charles Williams sang "The Star Spangled
Banner". A bee luncheon eaten under
the trees was not the least enjoyable
feature of the afternoon and a trip
down the river in the curl of the day
just preceding sunset was a fitting
close to an afternoon of rare enjoyment.

Recognition of the anniversary of the Battle
of Yorktown was taken in the form of a
reception held at the home of Mrs. C. A.
Brown of Middlebury St. on the afternoon
of Oct. 20. The home was elaborately
decorated for the occasion which brought
together a large number of people.
members of the Chapter and invited
guests. The receiving party included
besides the hostess Mrs. Brown. Mrs.
Charles Ingersoll the State Regent. Mrs.
J. A. Pike the Regent of Effingham Chapter
and Mrs. H. M. Thompson.

Other ladies of our Chapter served as
ushers and in the tea room. a woman's
orchestra played throughout the reception.
Mrs. Massey made a brief address
in which she spoke of building Memorial
Hall in Washington as a memorial to the
revolutionary heroes. by the D. A. R.

Mrs. Thompson also spoke briefly.
Among those present at this meeting
was "our real daughter" - Mrs. Rhoda Chick.

Washington's Birthday Feb. 22, was
recognized by the Chapter in a most
engaging manner at the home of Mrs.
Adelbert Ames or Anderson.

The entertainment was an original
dramatic sketch and was presented by
members of the Chapter. The drama was
entitled "The Boston Tea Party" and was
written by Miss Helen Lambert, Mrs. Ruth
Allen Logan, and Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
The cast was as follows. "Rehzeleah"
Mrs. Thompson. "Penelope" Mrs.
Harrington. "Barbara" Mrs. Sargent.
"Gratification" Mrs. James Herrin.
"Jabitha" Mrs. Arthur Wood.
"Deborah" - Mrs. Geo. Bicknell.

After the play, refreshments were served - the following ladies acting as ushers dressed in Colonial costumes. Misses Lamore, Merrill, Young, Ayers and Warren.

April 19. The Chapter was most brilliantly entertained by Mrs. Asa Russell and her daughter of Wilder St. In the absence of the regent, Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson presided. Music was furnished by Mrs. Abel Lane.

"New England Cherry Chase" was read by Mrs. Charles G. Fenton and Miss Edith Russell gave a very interesting account of her life and its perils in Japan.

Refreshments were served in the dining room which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. The ladies who partook were Mrs. Daniel Lamore, Miss Ida Lane, Mrs. John Lane, and Miss Cora Parker, assisted by several Wellfleet college students at home for the holidays.

Death has entered our ranks, but once this year. Mrs. May McIntosh who died April 7 was a member of our Chapter. She was born in

Peterboro but came to Lowell while yet a child and spent her life here; she left a husband and one child.

The Historian would report that she has kept the records in both Scrap and Record Book purchased for such purposes. has sent accounts of our meetings to the Bate's Transcript that she has sent reports of work to the State Regent, State Treasurer, State Historian and the usual Smithsonian reports besides writing two or three articles for publication in the interests of the Chapter.

Read at the Annual meeting
May 5, 1905 by

Sara Swan Griffin.
Historian.

From May 1905 to May 1906.

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Report of Annual Meeting will be found on page 118 - & this book placed there by error.

Annual Meeting May 5, 1905.

June 17. Dunker Hill Day was appropriately observed at the residence of Mrs. Henry J. M. Thompson.

Readings by Mrs. Charles D. Palmer.
Paper on "Battle of Dunker Hill" by
Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin &
Music by Mrs. Charles Williams -

For full account see Scrap Book.

July 12. An "outing" was held at
Claude Lake under Miss Frances
Brahm's chairmanship of Outing Committee.
Delegates from Samuel Adams
Chapter and Amesbury Chapter.
The day proving unpleasant
the attendance was but small.

Sept. 29. A meeting of the Chapter
was held at Memorial Hall.

For full account see Circular in
Scrap Book.

October 16. An Experience Party was held in the Town Hall in Methuen in conjunction with the Samuel Adams Chapter of Methuen and the Josiah Bartlett Chapter of Amesbury.

The Chairmen of the "Experience Party" was Miss Frances Brabner.

For full account see Scrap Book.

Nov. 8. A meeting of a purely social nature was held at the residence of Mrs. Walter Parker.

The receiving party consisted of the hostess, Mrs. James of the Samuel Adams Chapter, Mrs. Patten of Amesbury, and Mrs. H. M. Thompson of the Melly Varnum Chapter, with members of the Executive Council -

The younger members of the Chapter served as ushers, and the house was most artistically decorated.

The affair was a great success bringing the members into a very happy social atmosphere.

No newspaper notice by most of the hostess.

Dec. 1. There was a meeting held at Memorial Hall - to hear Report from the Agent of State Conference at Deerfield - to hear "Experience Social papers" read and to listen to semi annual report of Historical Committee.

Early in Jan. a business meeting was held to elect delegates to Continental Congress.

Jan. 2. A reception was tendered to Mrs. Donald M. Dean, President-General of the National Society D. A. R. at Litchfield Hall.

For full report - see Scrap Book.

Feb. 22 A "Birth Day Party" was held at the residence of Mrs. Walter Brown -

For full description see Scrap Book.

March 27. A business meeting was held at Memorial Hall.

For full report see Circular in Scrap Book.

April 19. A reception was held in Union Hall for the Chapter. The hostesses for the day were Mrs. Cyrus Dutton, Mrs. Charles Kimball, and Mrs. Harry Kaynes. There, with the Vice Regent - Mrs. Geo. L. Richardson formed the receiving line - the guests being ushered by the younger ladies of the Chapter.

In the absence of the Regent - Mrs. Thompson in Washington, the Vice Regent presided. The Chairman of the nominating.

Committees reported their candidates.

The audience joined in singing America. Mrs. Smith at the piano. Dr. Geo. Martin of Kirk St. Church gave a most intellectual and interesting address, on - The Needs of the 20th Century?

Mrs. James Keavin sang most acceptably two solos - Mrs. Bryant at the piano.

A dainty collation was served - Page catering, and the following named ladies serving at the table -

Mrs. Daniel Garrison. Mrs. Walter Parker.
Mrs. Fred Kep. Mrs. Charles Duffer.

The hall was most artistically decorated, and a beautiful reprieve of the Betsey Kesa Play was presented each guest.

Delegates to State Conference at Decyfield,
 Mr. Henry M. Thompson
 Mrs. Walter Cochran
 Mrs. Joseph Smith
 Mrs. Russell.

Delegates to Continental Congress at
 Washington.

Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
 Mrs. Charles Williams -
 Mrs. Le Vest Beale
 Mrs. Edward Black.

Deaths from May 1905 to May 1906.

- 1 Mrs. Charles Adams July 1905
- 2 Mrs. Lorain Woods Sept. 1905
- 3 Miss Mary Holman Jan. 30. 1906
- 4 Mrs. P. W. Jefferson Jan. 30. 1906
- 5 Mrs. Thomas Underwood March 25. 1906
- 6 Mrs. Arthur Staples April 3. 1906

The Smithsonian Report, for this
year was given by the Regent at
a State meeting and has not
been returned to Chapter Historians.

The past year in our Chapter has been happy and prosperous, and the year's work has been along patriotic lines for which the organization at large has approved and adopted. The first meeting was held May 5, 1905 at which officers for the ensuing year were elected and the annual report read.

The work of the chapter has been divided into committees all of whom have faithfully worked for the good of the Holly Varyum Chapter to which all of its members are so loyally attached.

The committees as appointed by the Regent are as follows:-

Outing Committee	Miss Frances Brabook, Chairman
Visiting	Mrs. B. Raullett,
Educational	Mrs. E. M. Williams
Entertainment	Mrs. Cyrus Barton,
Historical	Miss Ella Keilbach

Who afterwards resigned and Mrs. Griffin was appointed in her place. As almost all of these committees are to report their work the record of the Historical will be along general lines.

June 17. Bunker Hill Day was celebrated by a social and patriotic meeting held at the residence of the Regent, Mrs. Nancy M. Thompson. Patriotic selections were

read by Mrs. Charles D. Palmer, Mrs. Charles Williams sang as always most acceptably, and a paper on the Battle of Bunker Hill had been compiled and was read by Mrs. Griffin. Refreshments were served.

July 12. A outing under the able leadership of Miss Brook, Chairman of the outing committee was held at Canopic Lake in union with the Samuel Adams Chapter of Methuen and the Josiah Battlett Chapter of Amstbury. Although the day was unpleasant, there were between thirty and forty present, and the social hours passed together will long be remembered by those present at the outing.

Sept. 27. There was a business meeting held at Memorial Hall to elect delegates to the State conference at Deerfield.

The members of the Chapter who attended the conference were - Mrs. S. M. Thompson. Regent. Mrs. Walter Leoburn, Mrs. Joseph Smith and Mrs. Russell.

October 16. An Experience Social under the chairmanship of Miss Frances Brook was held in the Town Hall at Methuen uniting with the Methuen and Amstbury Chapters. The plan of the Experience Social originated

with Mrs. L. M. Thompson, and was a unique idea that each member of the Chapter should by her own efforts earn a dollar, and then relate the experience in prose or poetry. Each individual and Chapter prizes being given. The winner of the individual prize in our Chapter was Mrs. Thompson, and the Chapter Prize, the Isaiah Bartlett Chapter of Andover. By this original plan, our Chapter Treasury was the richer by ninety dollars.

Nov. 3. A Chapter of a purely social nature was held at the residence of Mrs. Walter Parker. The house was most artistically decorated for the occasion and a large number were present. The receiving party consisted of the hostess, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Barnes, Regent of the Methuen Chapter, Mrs. Patten, Regent of the Amesbury Chapter and Mrs. Thompson, Regent of Molly Varnum Chapter. The younger members of the Chapter served as ushers. The collation was dainty and generous, and the affair was a great success bringing the members into a happy social atmosphere.

Dec. 1- There was a Business meeting held at the hall to hear reports from the Deerfield Conference to listen to original papers not heard at the Experience Special. A report from the Historical Committee was also in order.

Early in January there was a Business meeting to elect delegates to Continental Congress in Washington. The ladies who attended the meeting at Washington from our Chapter were: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lafont O'Neil, and Mrs. Edmund Clark.

Jan. 27- A reception was tendered Mrs. Dwight W. Linn, Pres. Gen. of the National Society of D. A. R. by the three local Chapters of Lowell and the Samuel Adams Chapter of Methuen.

The receiving party consisted of Mrs. W. Linn, Mrs. Thompson ^{Mrs. Keane}, Mrs. Lewis Barnes, Mrs. Thomas ^{Mrs. Williams} Keane, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. G. L. Richardson, Mrs. Arthur Daggett, Mrs. Taber and Mrs. J. J. Barker. The table decorations were exquisite. The tea-table was under the supervision of Mrs. Keane, Fruit and ice-cream under Mrs. Charles Howe, and the serving table under Mrs. Cyrus Barton. The refreshments were under the charge of Mrs. Burton.

Wigwag, and more becoming shoulder
 knots of red, white and blue. Among the
 out of town guests were Mrs. Edgar Van
 Catten, Mrs. Ralph Rutland, Mrs. Wining,
 Mrs. Good, Mrs. Appleton and many others of
 equal note. Mrs. H. Lean, Mrs. Thompson,
 Mrs. Foster made most spirited addresses
 and Mrs. Williams sang the "Star Spangled
 Banner".

Feb. 22 - A Birthday Party was held
 at the residence of Mrs. Walter Leburn.
 The circulars announcing the event
 were witty that our Regent is not only
 a Parliamentarian but a Poet. The
 entertainment consisted of a series of
 colonial Portraits and were most realis-
 tic. The object of the party was to raise
 money as a donation for Continental Hall
 and the sum of fifty dollars was realized.

March 27 - There was a business meeting at
 Memorial Hall to hear the report of the Edu-
 cational Committee, to appoint a nominat-
 ing com. and to act upon an amendment
 to our By Laws whereby the Chapter
 membership may be increased from two
 hundred to two hundred and twenty-five.

April 17 was celebrated by the Chapter at Kipton Hall. The hostesses for the day being Mrs. Cyrus Barton, Mrs. Charles Kimball and Mrs. Harry Ryner. In the absence of the Regent Mrs. Richardson presided.

The feature of the afternoon was an address by Rev. Geo. Martin, Mrs. James Kerwin sang two solos very artistically. A collation was served and the departing guests were presented with miniature Betsy Ross Flags, a most appropriate souvenir of a pleasant occasion.

This closes the list of Chapter meetings for the year. One of the most important local measures of the Chapter is the placing of the Japitors of the Public Schools of Lowell under the control of the School Committee. This action was due almost wholly to the efforts of Mrs. Thompson.

During the past year Death has taken from our number six of our members.

In July Mrs. Charles Adams.
 " Sept. " Horatio Woods.
 " Jan. Miss Mary Tolson

In Jan. Mrs. C. M. Jefferson.
 " March " Thomas Underwood.
 " April " Arthur Staples.

During the two years the Historian has
 served the Chapter in that capacity,
 she has compiled Reports and Records,
 published several historical articles,
 and kept both Record and Scrap Book
 in a fairly accurate manner. On re-
 tiring from the Board she wishes to
 express her acknowledgement for the
 unvarying courtesy and kindness that she
 has constantly received.

Respectfully Submitted
 Mary Sophia Griffin.
 Historian

May 1906 to May 1907.

The annual meeting of Holly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R. was held May 5, 1906 in Memorial Hall. The usual annual reports were read by the officers, and also reports of the Continental Congress recently held in Washington were given by Mrs. C. W. Clark, Mrs. C. M. Williams and Mrs. H. M. Thompson.

The following officers were elected:

Regent. Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
 Vice Regent. Mrs. C. C. Gorge.
 Treasurer. Miss Julia T. Perry.
 Recording Sec. Mrs. Lina T. Merrill.
 Corresponding Sec. Mrs. Burton W. Wiggins.
 Registrar. Mrs. C. M. Williams.
 Historian. Mrs. C. S. Proctor.

Board of Managers.
 Mrs. C. T. Cornell.
 Mrs. Franklin Bourse.
 Mrs. Pruitis Webster.
 Mrs. Matt Prabody.

Ira H. Proctor.
 Historian.

May 29, 1906.

Meeting held at the Spalding House on Bowdoin Street.
Refer to Scrap Book No. 2 Page 1.

June 16, 1906.

Meeting held at the residence of Mrs. C. S. Proctor.
Refer to Scrap Book No. 2 Page 2.

June 25, 1906.

Special meeting held at Memorial Hall. Chapter voted to purchase the Spalding House.
Refer to Scrap Book No. 2 Page 2.

September 28, 1906

Meeting held at Memorial Hall.
Refer to Scrap Book No. 2, Page 2.

October 23, 1906.

Meeting held at Memorial Hall. Delegates to the State Conference chosen. Paper on Yorktown by Mrs. J. C. Triske.
Refer to Scrap Book No. 2, Page 2.

November 24, 1906.

Meeting of the Chapter held at Memorial Hall.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 3

December 18, 1906.

Meeting of the Chapter and invited guests held at the Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 pages 4 & 5

January 25, 1907.

A business meeting of the Chapter was held at the Spalding House. Delegates and alternates to the Continental Congress were elected. After the business, tea was served by the social committee.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2, page 5.

February 12, 1907.

A business meeting of the Chapter was held at Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 6

March 19, 1907.

A business meeting was held at Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2, page 7

April 19, 1907.

A meeting was held at the Building House in celebration of Patients Day.

Superintendent Mrs. F. 1907.

Deaths from May 1906 to May 1907.

Mrs. Hannah Robt. A. Piggott	died Sept. 13, 1906.
Mrs. Rhoda W. Chick (Real daughter)	" Nov. 29, 1906.
Miss Abbie F. Davis	" Feb. 25, 1907.
Mrs. Mary D. Watson	" March 5, 1907.
Mrs. Martha J. Perry	" March 22, 1907.

The Smithsonian Report sent January 1907.

The Moller Tarnum Chapter, D.A.R. held five business and eight social meetings during the year of 1906. The Chapter has 225 members, and there is now a mailing list.

January 27th a reception and luncheon was given to the President General of the National Society, Mrs. Donald McLean. The three local chapters and the Samuel Adams chapter of Methuen united with the Moller Tarnum chapter in entertaining this distinguished guest.

February 22^d A birthday party was held for the benefit of the Continual Hall, and fifty dollars was raised.

The Historical Committee has done excellent work during the year in marking historical spots in the surrounding town, also in writing historical papers which the chapter intend to have printed and published. At Helyersford three colonial houses were marked by tablets. At Westford three houses of historical interest were also marked. At Chelica the committee met at the Maynard House, the oldest house in the town. A tablet was placed on this house and the committee also gave a picture of the house to the Home School of Chelica. At Tyngsboro the committee met at Tyngs Island, an historic spot in

the Merrimack river. Besides placing a tablet on an elm tree planted April 19, 1775, the committee gave \$5.00 to the School in Tun-
boro to be used in prizes for the best papers written by the scholars on the history of the town. At Wrentham the committee met at the Foster School. A marble tablet commemorating the citizen soldiers of the Revolutionary war who went from Wrentham, was placed in the hall of the School. At Dracut the meeting was held at the Dracut Public Library. A framed portrait of Colonel Louis Armand was presented to the Public Library. In the corner of the portrait is this inscription "Marie Louis Armand de Marasquille, Colonel of artillery and inspector general of Massachusetts volunteers in the war of the American Revolution, naturalized 1793 by the name of Louis Armand, born in France 1742 died in Dracut in 1804." The Lowell meeting was held in the house once owned by Captain John Ford of Revolutionary fame. The committee placed a tablet for the first School house and also marked one of the oldest houses in Lowell by a tablet.

The Educational Committee has devoted its time to teaching Greek girls of the city to sew. They have held their meetings Wednesday evenings during the winter. Lighted meetings have been held and

Twenty-five names enrolled. At these meet-
ings have been made 12 petticoats, 5 night-
gowns, 6 aprons, 5 whole dresses, 3 handkerchiefs,
knives, 2 dresses, 6 shirt-waists the girls
knitting the cloth for the latter. Many useful
things have been donated by the different
ladies, such as pin cushions, embroidery
threads, buttons, pasting cotton pins &c. On
January 2^d a Christmas tree was given the
girls as a treat, and each girl received a
sewing-sag, a needle, a calendar, a box
of candy and pop-corn, and a flag. After
the tree, the Greek priest addressed the girls
in their native language. They have been
taught to sing America and the Greek Hymn.

This year the Molly Farmum Chapter has
taken up a new work, an old estate was to be
divided and sold. The house built about 1761
a top on land once known as the "Nauset Grant."
This grant was obtained in 1653 by the Rev.
John Eliot, for the sole use of the Nauset or
Nauset Indians. In 1726 it was sold to the
citizens of Chelsea and later incorporated
in the City of Lowell. The house in its 140
years of life, had seen the property of five
different soldiers of the Revolution. It grew
Fletcher, Joseph Cyler, Capt. John Ford, Moses
Davis, and Capt. Joel Spalding, the latter
purchased it in 1790, and it remained in
the Spalding family from then (1790) until the

recent time. During the reign of Moses
 Davis the house was used as a tavern, and
 situated, as it was on the high way of the
 Merrimack river, between New Hampshire
 and the sea, it must have been a most
 convenient stopping place for many and fast.
 When the house was offered for sale
 some of the members of the Noble Tarnum
 Chapter, realizing its value, made a de-
 termined effort to save it.

The free-masons of Lowell became
 interested in its preservation, as Dr. Joel
 Spalding, grandson of Capt. Joel Spalding,
 and last male survivor of the family
 was a distinguished mason, and the or-
 ganization contributed generously toward
 the restoration of the house on condition
 that a room be dedicated to the memory
 of Dr. Spalding. Other friends and patients
 also contributed and these subscriptions
 added to those of the Chapter, at last made
 a sum sufficient to warrant the purchase of
 the house. It has been restored as far as possible to
 its original plan, and every effort made to keep
 everything in harmony with its old time sur-
 rounding. Quite a beginning has already been made
 in collecting china, furniture, books and other relics
 with the intention of sometime forming a collection
 worthy the old house which contains it.

Respectfully submitted. - John Holden Proctor, Historian.

Historian's Report from May 1906 to May 1907.

During the year beginning May 1906 and ending May 1907 the Molly Wadsworth Chapter D. A. R. has held the annual meetings, seven business meetings and four social meetings.

At the annual meeting held May 5 in Memorial Hall the annual reports were read by the officers, reports of the Continental Councils recently held in Washington were given, and the officers for the following year were elected.

On May 29th through the courtesy of Mrs. Lambert a meeting was held at Spalding House. There was a large attendance of members, and the house was very prettily decorated and a sumptuous repast served. Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin read a paper giving a history of the old house, as the chapter had been given the refusal of the property by the present owner. Much interest in that house was expressed by the members of the chapter, and it was admitted from garret to cellar, and various opinions expressed as to the advisability of the chapter purchasing the property. Mrs. Walter Parker, Mrs. F. J. Greenhalge, Mrs. Julian Abbott, Mrs. Thomas Remith and Mrs. Christine Higgins were appointed a committee to consult with Mrs. Lambert as to the purchase price, also to talk with members of the chapter and with citizens of Lowell.

with reference to the plan.

June 16th A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Proctor in commemoration of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Mrs. F. C. Pullen assisted in entertaining. A paper was read by Mrs. S. B. Brock on "The Settlement of Jamestown." The meeting was interesting on account of the presentation of a yarel made from a piece of the old ycamore tree which is still growing near the ruins of the Jamestown at Jamestown, Virginia, and is now hundred years old. The yarel was given Mrs. Brock while on a recent visit to Jamestown, Va.

June 25th A Special Business Meeting was held at Memorial Hall, at which meeting the Chapter voted to buy the Beal's House on Pamphlet Street, Boston and use it, and have it for a Chapter home. The price to be paid for the house was \$3500.00. On September 28th after the Chapter had been twice bonded under the laws of Mass. the Chapter again voted as a corporate body to purchase the house.

October 23rd A meeting was held at Memorial Hall, and delegates were chosen for the State Conference at Worcester. At this meeting Mrs. J. C. Oak read a paper on "The Sign of Baptism". November 24, 1906. The Chapter held its last meeting at Memorial Hall. At this meeting the Report reported on the conference at Worcester and Mrs. C. F. Sherman, the State

Parliamentarian gave an address on
 "Parliamentary Law."

on December 18, 1906. The Chapter decided
 to its new home. As the capacity of the
 house was limited the meeting was for only
 members of the Chapter and those friends
 who had in some way contributed to the
 preservation of the house. The Chapter had
 as guests, Mrs. Donald M. Lean, President
 General of the National Order of D. & R.
 Mrs. Sheldon Watson of Worcester, Mass. Vice
 President General and Mrs. John W. Lane
 wife of Mr. W. Lane of New Hampshire and
 also state regent of N. H. Mr. C. C. Hutchinson
 represented the Masonic Fraternity, who had con-
 tributed generously towards the purchase of
 the house. Exercises were held in the upper
 hall. Music was sung in opening. Mrs. Joseph
 Smith at the piano. The Regent, Mrs. H. M. Thompson
 gave a most interesting address, telling of some
 of the patriotic work the Chapter had done. She
 also gave a history of the Spaulding House and
 paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Dr.
 Spaulding, who was a beloved physician of all his
 patients. Mrs. M. Lean, Pres. Gen. spoke of the work
 the daughters in the past were doing, and Mr. C. C.
 Hutchinson was introduced and in behalf of the
 Masons thanked the women whose hearty promptness
 the purchase of this historic house. He also
 expressed the appreciation of the members of the

Masonic order for the privilege of dedicating one of the rooms to the memory of Dr. Spalding and bore a biographical sketch of the doctor and eulogized his character.

Mrs. George D. Spalding, with Mr. J. C. Spalding accompanying, sang "My Mother Bids Me Build My Hall", "Autie Laturie" and "Songs My Mother Taught Me". Mayor Elect Frederick W. Farnham was called upon and offered a sentiment to the American Flay, which was received with tremendous applause. Mrs. Theodore Bates and Mrs. John Mc Lane made impressive remarks and complimented the chapter on its new home. The exercises closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. C. M. Williams. The Request then invited all to assemble in the Tap room and partake of the light refreshments consisting of doughnuts and cheese and cider, also tea and crackers.

On January 20, 1907. The Chapter held a business meeting at Spalding House and elected the Delegates and Alter Dates to the Continental Congress to be held in Washington. Tea was served by the Social Committee.

February 12, a business meeting was held at Spalding House, and the chapter voted to have Tuesday of each week as Chapter Day. The house will then be open to the members of the chapter and at 7 o'clock tea will be served. March 5th, the first Chapter Day, Lydia Darrah

and Old Bay State, two local chapters, were invited as guests of Molly Barnum Chapter. In March 19th, at a business meeting of the chapter it was voted to increase the dues from \$2.00 to \$3.00. It was a regular Chapter Day and tea was served as usual.

In April 19th The Chapter celebrated Patriots Day. After the singing of America and the reading of Article II of the Constitution, Mrs. G. D. Palmer read selections from "The American Revolution" giving an Englishman's description of the Battle of Lexington. Mrs. J. S. Kerwin sang very acceptably and then the members enjoyed a social hour. In June the Chapter held an outing at Old Concord. The Regent of the Concord Chapter entertaining the visitors.

It is now the sad duty of the Historian to report the death during the year of five members of the Chapter:

Mrs. Hannah Robbins Higgins	died Sept. 13. 1906.
Mrs. Lydia R. Chick (our granddaughter)	" Nov. 29. 1906.
Miss Alice F. Davis	" Feb. 25. 1907.
Mrs. Mary D. Watson	" March 5. 1907.
Mrs. Maria J. Perry	" " 22. 1907.

The work of the Historian for the past year has not been very arduous compared with the work some of the other officers have done. With the help of the expert pen wrote the Smithsonian report. We also tried to keep the scrap-book com-

Let, has not reports of the meetings
to the local paper and also to the Boston
Transcript.

Respectfully Submitted -
Edw Holden Proctor
Historian

July 1907 to May 1908.

The regular meeting of the Lyburn Chapter D. A. R. was held at Spalding House, May 3, 1907. The annual reports were read by the officers and a report of the Continental Congress held in Washington was given by the regent, she being the only member of the chapter who attended.

The following officers were elected.

Regent.	Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Vice Regent.	Mrs. C. E. Howe.
Treasurer.	Miss Julia J. Percy.
Recording Sec.	Miss Lena J. Merrill.
Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. C. J. Roswell.
Registrar	Mrs. C. M. Williams.
Historian	Mrs. C. S. Proctor.
Board of Management	
	Mrs. Walter Leoburn.
	Mrs. Thomas Nesmith.
	Mrs. Burton H. Wiggins.
	Mrs. Charles A. Richardson.

June 4, 1907.
 Meeting of the Chapter held at
 Spalding House.
 Refer to Scrap book No. 2 page 7.

June 17, 1907. Twenty members of the
 Chapter went to Methuen to attend
 the dedication of a Foulden in memory
 of Capt. John Danison land given by
 Henry J. Lea to Samuel Adams Chapter.
 Refer to Scrap book 2 page 7.

June 20, 21-22 A loan exhibition was
 held at Spalding House.
 Refer to Scrap book No. 2 page 8.

October 19, 1907.
 Business meeting
 held at Spalding House.
 Refer to Scrap book No. 2 page 8.

December 10, 1907.
 Business meeting held at
 Spalding House.
 Refer to Scrap book No. 2 page 9.

January 24, 1908.
 Business meeting held at Spalding
 House.
 Refer to Scrap book No. 2 page 10.

January 21, 1908.

Business meeting held at
Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 9

February 22, 1908.

Reception held at Spalding
House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 10

February 25, 1908.

Business meeting held at
Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 10.

March 10, 1908.

Business meeting held at
Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 10.

April 21, 1908.

Communion meeting held at
Spalding House.

Refer to Scrapbook No. 2 page 10.

Deaths from May 1907-1908.

Mrs. Jennette L. Smith, died Octob. 8-1907.
Mrs. Belinda Headley Hill, died Dec. 4, 1907.

The Smithsonian Report sent Dec. 1908.

The Molly Tamm Chapter D. A. R. of
Levell. Mrs. H. M. Thompson Regent, has held
three social and four business meetings
during the year 1907. We have also had
two meetings, which were of a social nature.

The Chapter is limited to 225 Mem-
bers and there is always a waiting list.

On February 27th a supper and en-
tertainment was held at Spalding House
and \$25.00 of the proceeds sent to Anti-
venereal Hall. On June 20, 21, and 22 a mas-
sive exhibition was held. The rooms included
perforator, Sheffield plate and old suboid
mus. and pieces. The exhibit was open from
10 a.m. to 8 P.M. On the first day a lecture
was given on perforator and Sheffield plate.

On the second day a lecture on Samplers
and suboid and on the third day
there was an exhibition of spinning on an
old fashioned spinning wheel. Almost
all the pieces exhibited were loaned by
members of the Chapter and a great deal
of interest was expressed by all who visited
the exhibition.

Several sales and entertainments have
been held, and the money raised has
been used to repair and furnish

Spalding House, the home of Betty
Tarnum Chapter.

A committee has been appointed to
edit and publish the past year's
history, written by the historical
committee of the chapter.

Ida H. Pactor - Historian -

Historian's report from May 1907 - May 1908.

The Molly Varnum Chapter, D.A.R. has held its annual meeting, six business meetings and three commemorative meetings. Two meetings and a large exhibit were held at Spalding House, which have been held by different committees.

It has been held at four o'clock by the social committee on Tuesdays at Spalding House, except during the months of July, August, and September.

All meetings have been held at Spalding House.

At the annual meeting on May 3, 1907, the officers for the following year were elected.

On June 4th the Chapter had as guests members of Samuel Adams Chapter of Methuen and members of Old Second Chapter, Concord, Mass. Miss Isabel Reill gave the principal address it being a review of constitutional history.

On June 1st the Samuel Adams Chapter invited the Molly Varnum Chapter to be present at the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to the memory of Captain John Davis and unveiled by six great great grand children of Captain Davis. About twenty members of Molly Varnum Chapter accepted the invitation and had a delightful time.

June 20-21-22 the Chapter held a loan exhibition of center, sufficed, state and red embroidered, and lace, lectures were given in the afternoon, and an exhibition of spinning was given on the third day.

October 12th another outing was held at Groton. The trip was made by trolley to Ayer, then carriages were taken, and after a drive through the town, passing the Groton School historical rooms and various points of interest, they arrived at the farm owned by Miss Mollie Vining. Much punch boxes were served, tea, coffee and lemon chander being furnished by Miss Vining, and after spending an hour or two examining the antique furniture and valuable china the party returned to Lowell. All deciding the outing one of the pleasant ever held by the Chapter.

October 19th a commemorative meeting was held. Miss M. L. Keene had charge of the program. Mr. J. C. Brock read a paper giving an account of a visit to Groton and vicinity, and his personal experiences during the civil war. Miss Keene then gave an account of a most interesting painting recently loaned the Chapter by Mr. Keene Littlebridge formerly of Lowell. This picture once hung in the old Middlesex Carver more than

fifty years ago. It was held in the tea room
 December 10th. The Chapter held a business
 meeting and voted to make July 1st the time
 limit for chapter dues.

January 21st. The Chapter met at
 Spalding House, and the Relic Committee
 had charge of the program. A paper on the
 "Early History of Dracut" written by the
 late Mrs Thomas Underwood and read by
 Mrs. C. A. Palmer. Mrs. J. L. Roberts sang.

February 22nd. Molly Karmum and her
 friends from Dracut received members of
 the Chapter. All members of the receiving
 party were dressed in colonial costumes.
 Mrs. W. B. Barber and Mrs. C. A. Richardson
 poured tea, chocolate and cake were served
 and those present enjoyed an informal social time.

February 25th. A business meeting was
 held at which delegates to the Continental
 Congress at Washington were elected.

March 10th. Another business meeting was
 held and a nominating committee was
 chosen to bring in a list of officers for the
 following year.

April, 21st. A meeting to commemorate the
 Battle of Benning and Lexington was held, the
 Relic Committee having charge of the
 program. Rev. A. C. Ferris gave a paper
 on "The Republic of the Green Mountains".

Mr. Warren Reid sang "The Soldier's Farewell"
and Miss Mabel Keall read "Nathan Hale".

Respectfully submitted,
Ida H. Dexter.
Historian.

May 1908 to May 1909.

The annual meeting of Holly Farm Museum Chapter D. A. R. was held at Spalding House May 1, 1908. The following officers were elected.

Regent.	Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Dee-regent.	Mrs. Dutton H. Higgins.
Treasurer.	Miss Julia T. Dickey.
Accounting Sec.	Miss Lena J. Merrill.
Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. C. J. Amell.
Registrar.	Mrs. Ephraim C. Horne.
Historian.	Mrs. K. H. Williams.

Board of Managers.

Mrs. Thomas Nesmith.
 Mrs. Walter Coburn.
 Mrs. C. A. Richardson.
 Mrs. C. O. Wilson.

June 17th 1908

Meeting of the Chapter held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Yeasmonth in North Westbrook.

Several poems were read by Mrs. Charles W. Upton, Mrs. Charles W. Williams sang a group of songs. A paper prepared by the "Bays and Means Committee" urging each member of the Chapter to raise a sum of money during the coming year towards reducing the debt on the Spaulding House, was read by Miss M. Ida Drake. The Chapter was most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Yeasmonth.

June

Chapter outing at North Andover and Andover. The Chapter visited the house occupied by two Governors of Massachusetts. Governor Dudley and Governor Bradstreet.

Sep 4. 29th 1908

The first meeting of the season.
There was a Chapter tea at
Babbling House under the
management of the Hospitality Committee.
The Regent received with Miss Thayer
regent of Matthew Thornton Chapter of
Washua N. H., and Miss Agood
regent of Amesbury Chapter.

Oct. 20. 1908

Colon W. Stevens addressed
the Chapter

Nov. 10.

The Chapter was entertained by a paper
Glimpses of the Orient. Prepared and
read by Miss M. Ida Home. who also
had many pictures of the various places
visited by her on her trip abroad. Tea
was served by Hospitality Committee.

Dec. 8. 1908

Chapter day. A paper was read by Mrs.
S. B. Brock. Southern Homes of the Olden Days.
Tea was served by Hospitality Committee.

Dec. 16 - 1908

Pleasure day, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Reade, to help in reducing mortgage on Spaulding House. There were several sales tables and bridge was played in the afternoon. A substantial sum was netted.

Feb. 12 - 1909

Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by appropriate exercises arranged by the Social Committee. Miss M. Ida Howe presided and there were five minute talks by B. G. Walsh, Capt. J. H. Thompson, and H. C. Brock. Mrs. Harry Hopkins sang national songs.

Feb 22, 1909 Washington's birthday.

The Chapter was entertained by Mrs. Vernon H. Uggins, Mrs. Eliza T. Upton, Mrs. C. O. Willson, Mrs. Ger. A. Becknell and Miss Julia T. Pevey, who received attired in beautiful Antigua costumes. As were all who assisted in serving

Entertained day

the delicious refreshments abundantly provided by the hostesses of the day.

Feb. 24-1897

Business Meeting. The regent asked for an expression of opinion regarding the advisability of the Worcester Lucretia chapters uniting to give the great bronze doors for Memorial Continental Hall. The opinion of the Chapter was in favor of the project. Delegates to Continental Congress and to the State meeting of delegates and alternates were elected.

Delegates and alternates as follows were elected

Mrs. H. M. Thompson

Mrs. A. W. Thompson

Mrs. Harry Glade

Mrs. Walter Coburn

Mrs. Fred C. Newhall

Mrs. Charles E. Howe

Mrs. Charles W. Williams

Mrs. L. E. Pullen

Mrs. LaForest Beals

Mrs. Julia P. Perry

Mrs. William Pauline

March 4 1909

Lecture in First Unitarian
Church for benefit of Chapter by
Dr. Herbert B. Bishop of Boston. Illus-
trated by Triograph -

March 7, 1909

Chapter day. Musicals by Mrs.
J. J. Kerwin assisted by one of her
pupils Mrs.

April 2, 1909 postponed from March 17.

Scenes from Dickens arranged
by Mrs. B. B. Clark. Two performances.
afternoon and evening. Ticket price.
formances. Supper was served under
direction of Mrs. Peabody. Presented
by Library Committee in aid of
mortgage fund -

April 19, 1909

Anniversary meeting
The vice-regent Mrs. Ruth H. Higgins
presided in the absence of ~~the~~ regent
who was attending Continental Congress.
A paper on Paul Revere

Prepared by Miss Marion Tupper was
 read by Mrs. C. M. Williams. A
 paper prepared and read by Mrs.
 Chas. Proctor ~~on~~ John Pulling was
 most interesting.

April 30 - 1909

Spring Sale for the benefit of
 Spaulding House - Fancy Table
 Miss Merrill, Mabel Thompson. Cake Table
 Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Wilcox. Candy
 Mrs. Whittier and Miss Percy. Aprons
 Mrs. Sherwell.

May 5, 1909

Entertainment of delegation of pupils
 from the grammar schools and their
 teachers. Mrs. Thompson received, the
 Chairman Mrs. Williams being ill, and
 Miss Mabel Hill acted as. Mrs. Tamm
 addressed the children. Refreshments
 ice cream & cake and chocolate were
 served.

Historical Report

May 1908 to May 1909

During the past year there have been eleven meetings, including the Annual meeting, business commemorative and social meetings. There have been two food sales, a Pleasure day, a Dickens party, a rummage sale, an illustrated lecture and a chapter outing.

At the Annual meeting, in addition to the usual business, the regent was authorized to appoint a Ways and Means Committee, and a program committee was appointed.

At the business meeting, which had a very small attendance, delegates and alternates were elected for Continental Congress, and for the State meeting of delegates and alternates to Washington. The regent at the request of Mrs. Bates Vice Pres. Gen. for Massachusetts, asked for an expression of opinion in regard to the advisability of the Mass. Chapter providing the bronze doors for Memorial Continental Hall, as the gift of Massachusetts. The opinion was in favor of doing so. The very interesting program

prepared with much care and fore thought by the program committee, has been strictly followed except in two unavoidable instances.

The Commemorative and Social meetings have been most pleasant and interesting.

June 17th the Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Thos. NeSmith in North Tisbury. There were readings of poems by Mrs. W. H. L. L., Songs by Mrs. Mrs. Williams, and a paper prepared by the Ways and Means Committee read by Mrs. Lida Howe.

There were pleasant chats on the broad veranda, and abundant hospitality on the part of the hostess.

There has been a Tea under the management of the Hospitality Committee, at which the regent was assisted in receiving by the regents of Marlborough and Amesbury Chapters.

We have had an eloquent address given by Salmon W. Stevens, and the Chapter has listened with pleasure to a paper by Mrs. Lida Howe, "Glimpses of the Orient," with its charming impressions of her trip abroad, and on another occasion to one by Mrs. G. C. B. B. B., "Southern

Home of "Le Oldm Days" full of the charm of our own beautiful land. Pictures of the places described added to the interest of both papers.

The Colonial reception on Washington's birthday, was a delightful affair. The hostesses, Mrs. Wiggins, Mrs. Becknell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wotton and Miss Perry, received their guests in Colonial costumes. Refreshments were served, the recipes for some of the 'dishes' being of as ancient date as the dishes of which they were made. Powder and Patch, Cherries and good cheer were all pervading.

Lincoln's birthday was recognized by suitable exercises. Miss Ida Howe presided, and there were five minute speeches, by Mr. E. C. Brock, Mr. Alf. Walch, Capt. Jos. P. Thompson, and Patriotic Songs by Mr. Harry Hopkins.

The musicale by Mrs. Keewin and her pupils, was another of the enjoyable things on the program.

At the 19th of April meeting Mrs. Burton Wiggins presided in the absence of the regent who was in Washington attending Continental Congress. There were interesting papers by Miss Chas. H. Proctor, on John Fanning and Miss

7 more pages on Paul Revere.

The Pleasure day organized by Mrs. Harry Reade, was very successful, from both a financial and social standpoint and was very well attended.

The 'Dickens party', a series of most amusing scenes from the works of Dickens was exceedingly well carried out under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Clark. The proceeds from both these entertainments were applied to the reduction of the debt on the Building House.

The illustrated lecture by Dr. Bishop of Boston in the Unitarian church, the food sale managed by Mrs. Birkenell the rummage sale by Mrs. Peabody, and the recent successful Spring sale, conducted by several Committees, have all added substantially to the treasury.

The outing at North Andover and Andover was greatly enjoyed by those who participated in it. A pleasant surprise was the finding of a Chapter Mrs. Wood, at her summer home, who placed her overland at the use of the Chapter, and served tea and lemonade.

Tea has been served by the Committee in charge at four o'clock on Tuesday the Chapter day during the season, and at the program meetings.

All meetings except those otherwise designated have been in the Spalding House.

Respectfully Submitted
Josephine A. Williams
Historian

Decker from May 1906 to May 1909

Smithsonian Report -

Sent November 1908

The Holly Varnum Chapter I. A. R. of Lowell, Mrs. H. M. Thompson regent, has had a most successful and progressive year.

The social and business meetings, which have with one exception been held in the beautiful and quaint old Spalding House, which is now the Chapter home, have been largely attended, and all have been especially interesting.

At the January meeting a paper on the early history of Dracut was read by one of the Chapter members. February twenty-second there was a reception, the ladies of the receiving party being dressed in old colonial costumes; with patches and powdered hair, fitting appropriately the old house with its antique furnishings.

April 19th a paper was read by Rev. A. C. Ferrin on the "Republic of the Green Mountains," and June

17th there was a most enjoyable meeting at the house of Mrs. Thomas Nesmith in North Freetown, with patriotic readings and songs.

A program committee appointed by the regent, has prepared for the coming year, a most interesting program for the monthly meetings.

In October, a lecture was given by Mr. Solon W. Stevens, who had for his subject, "John Hay," and in November, Miss Ida Howe, a former regent, gave a very interesting talk on her European travels.

For the benefit of the Spalding House, and to provide funds to carry on the patriotic work of the Chapter, a course of six lectures was given, on widely varying topics, which proved both entertaining and profitable.

These included a lecture by Ross Turner on "Whistler", two lectures by John Colby Abbott on "Louis the Fifteenth" and "Louis

the Sixteenth, one by Mrs T Barber on "V Lytton" one by Mrs. Sampson on "U la China" and Personal Recollections of the Old Boston Museum by Mrs David Collins.

A successful sale in December, and the result of the call for a "mile of pennies" added generously to the fund.

Many valuable gifts have been received, among them two oil portraits; Gen. Washington and Martha Washington. Several old books and deeds have been added to the library, and through the efforts of the Refral committee, a very beautiful old secretary has been bought and returned to its original place in the Spaldeney Memorial room.

While the special interest of the chapter centers in the restoration of Spaldeney house, other interests have not been neglected.

Ten dollars has been contributed towards the purchase of the Rodin Statue with the relief of Whittier, the house has been

loaned to the "Nurses' Association
 of the Lowell General Hospital,
 and believing that all which
 leads to the permanent benefit
 of the community is patriotic work,
 an effort is being made to
 start a "woman's" exchange."

Josephine D. Williams
 Historian

May 1909 to May 1910

The Annual Meeting of Wolly Farm
 Chapter D. A. R. was held at Spalding
 House May 7 - 1909. The following
 list of officers were elected.

Regent	Mrs. Charles E. Howe
Vice-regent	Mrs. Burton H. Biggin
Treasurer	Mrs. Julia T. Verey
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Lena T. Merrill
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. M. Ida Howe
Registrar	Mrs. E. J. Russell
Historian	Mrs. Charles W. Williams

Board of Managers

Mrs. Chas. A. Wilson

Mrs. C. E. Bartlett

Mrs. Alice C. Parker

Mrs. Josephine H. Earl

June 4th

Reception by the Renting Committee
Mrs. Burton W. Whiggin chairman

The celebration was in honor
of the birthday of Molly Varnum, this
being the 115th anniversary.

Mr. John Whittier, dressed as
Molly Varnum received with Mrs.
Anne the regent, and Mrs Whiggin,
also in antique costume as were
many of the ladies present.

Mr. C. M. Williams read a
short sketch of the life of Molly
Varnum, and sang old songs. Miss
Julia Percy playing the accompaniments.
There was a spelling bee with
Miss Webster as teacher.

There were refreshments and
a large birthday cake was cut by
Mrs. Whittier.

June 7th

There was a lawn party on
the lawns of Mrs. H. M. Lambert, and
Miss Josephine East.

Mrs. Howe presided and
there were cornet solos by Miss Levine,
and Mrs. C. M. Williams read,
"Hans and Gretchen's Story of the Battle of"

Bunker Hill, by Holmes.

October 19, 1909.

Evening paper containing letter
 regarding House of Representatives by Mackay
 and Mackay.

November 16, 1909.

Article in "The Free Press" and "The
 Morning News" regarding "The House of
 Representatives" and "The House of
 Representatives" and "The House of
 Representatives".

Scrapbook page 1.

December 8, 1909.

Article in "The Free Press" and "The
 Morning News" regarding "The House of
 Representatives" and "The House of
 Representatives".

Scrapbook page 1.

January 4, 1910.

New Year Reception given by the
 Committee.

Scrapbook page 1.

February 22, 1910.

Meeting held at Baldwin House.
 Rev. Mr. Melvill spoke on "The Englishman
 and the American".

Scrapbook page 1.

February 25, 1910.

Business meeting held at Baldwin House.
 Delegates to the Convention.

March 22, 1911.

Business Meeting at Fidelity
House.

March 23, 1911.

Musical in charge of Mrs.
F. L. Roberts.

Seraphim Paper

March 24, 1911.

Chaplin, Mrs. Robert, read for Union
Hotel. Will sing for Union Hotel.

seraphim paper

Historians Report from May, 1909-1910.

The Molly Varnum Chapter has held eleven meetings during the last year.

These meetings have been commemorative, business and social, and all have been held at the Baldwin House with the exception of the meeting held June 9th. This meeting was held on the lands of Mrs. Lambert and Miss Leale.

May 4th the chapter celebrated the 109th birthday of Molly Varnum.

Mrs. Burton Wiggins gave the opening committee had charge. Mrs. John Phillips presided for Molly Varnum reading with Mrs. Charles Coffin. The program many of the ladies were dressed in antique costumes. Mrs. C. M. Williams read a short sketch of the life of Molly Varnum and sang old songs. There was also a spelling bee, with Miss Leale as teacher. Refreshments were served and a large birthday cake was cut by Mrs. H. Ritter.

June 9th a lawn party was held on the lands of Mrs. Lambert and Miss Leale. It was a beautiful day, and all enjoyed having the meeting out of doors. The entertainment was given solos by Miss Leale, and Mrs. C. M. Williams read "Grandmother's

Stone & Bunker Hill."

October 17th - In putting a program, Edward had very planned out the matter being held it was decided to hold the conventional winter meeting at Goldens House. Papers were read by Mrs. Cyrus Carlton and Mrs. B. J. Orr and W. C. Dumbauld. Mrs. J. W. Smith.

A program committee with Mrs. J. W. Smith as chairman, has provided some very interesting and instructive entertainments for the chapter.

November 16th - This was Wednesday a paper on "A Motor Trip Through England" was read by W. C. Dumbauld and his experience in Russia.

In the evening of December 8th a Miss Martha Holt had charge of a dramatic entertainment entitled "New Year's Eve" - This entertainment was free for members of the chapter but the public was admitted at ten cents a person.

January 4th - In the evening a paper was given by the Historical Committee. The Horned Lark decorated with the bird was used and given, and the chapter gave a guests all officers and members of other Duval and Day State chapters.

February 14th - Washington's Birthday was celebrated according to the annual custom.

with patriotic exercises and a social tea. The speaker for the afternoon was led by Rev. B. A. Trilknott and was "An Englishman's Idea of Washington" Mrs. Charles A. Trillett gave patriotic selections.

March 15th Mrs. Mabel Hill entertained the Chapter with a talk on "Current Ideas and Topics of Discussion in the homes of our Ancestors". Mrs. Warrick E. L. Wardman and after the entertainment refreshments were served.

April 10th There was a musicale in charge of Mrs. F. L. Roberts assisted by Mrs. M. A. Pepin, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Mr. Warrick Reid and Miss Savage. The Educational Committee of the Chapter entertained the Ninth Grade of the Peckham School at the Holding House. The boys and girls were very interested in the old relics at the house and the committee served refreshments for the children. Tuesday is Chapter day at Holding House and tea and light refreshments are always served by some member of the Social Committee on that day.

Deaths from May 1909 - 1910.

Mrs. Ideline King Taylor died March 18, 1910.

Respectfully Submitted
Ida Golden Proctor
Historian.

May 1910 to May 1911.

The annual meeting of Holly Varnum
Chapter D. A. R. was held at Spalding House
May 6, 1911. The following list of officers
was elected.

President	Mrs. Charles E. Howe
Vice-president	Mrs. Charles C. Bailett
Treasurer	Miss Julia C. Clegg
Recording Secretary	Miss Lena J. Merrill
Corresponding Secretary	Miss M. Ida Howe
Registrar	Mrs. C. J. Howell
Historian	Mrs. Charles C. Bailett

Board of Managers.
 Miss Alice L. Baker
 Miss Josephine A. Keale
 Mrs. Walter C. Curn
 Miss Alice A. Gates

June 7, 1910

The Chapter celebrated the 160th birthday of Molly Tamm at Shal ding House. Mrs. C. M. Williams gave interesting sketches of Italy Scrapbook Page 18

June 14, 1910

The Chapter celebrated Flag Day at Shal ding House. Mrs. C. M. Williams sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Chapter presented a picture of Francis Scott Key, the author of the song to Shal ding House. Mrs. C. J. Wilson was selected to read the play.

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December 5, 1910

The Chapter entertained at the S. H. N. Hall meeting of the year.

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January 3, 1911

The Chapter gave a reception for the year at the Shal ding House.

February 14, 1911

The Chapter held a meeting in memory of Lincoln. Rev. A. H. Klein spoke on "The Ideal of Lincoln." Delegates of the Anti-Slavery Society were chosen.

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February 22 1911
 Colonial Party held at Skalding House -
 Mrs. F. W. Crosby not charge

March 21-1911
 Rev. George F. Cunningham lectured on "The
 Golden Rule"

April 18 1911
 At Skalding House Mrs. C. H. Williams gave
 a delightful program on "Music of Different
 Nations"
 Scrapbook page 19.

June 18 1910
 A Linn Party was held at Mrs. Lambert's. Rev. J. E.
 Luggs addressed the Chapter on the subject, "A
 Labor Faith"
 Scrapbook page 18

April 29 1911
 Annual Spring Sale of food and fancy work
 held at Skalding House.

May 1 1911.
 The Educational Committee Mrs. C. H. Williams
 chairman - entertained eight children from each
 of the Grammar Schools at Skalding House -
 There was a short entertainment and refreshments
 were served.
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Newtonians Report May 1911 - May 1912

During the last year there have been eleven meetings including Annual, business, commemorative and social meetings. The Chapter has also held a summer sale, two book sales, the annual sale in April and bazaar and bazaar. Mr. Chastice has

On June 7, 1911. The Chapter celebrated the 100th birthday of Mother's Memorial.

On June 14th. Day was celebrated and the Chapter presented a picture of Frances Scott Key. The author of the Star Spangled Banner to Spalding House.

June 18th. The Chapter was entertained in the evening at the home of Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Frank were at the home of Mrs. Lambert. Mrs. Lambert gave a talk on the history of the chapter.

October 1st. The first chapter day was held and was very successful. Some members of the chapter acting as hostess and giving refreshments.

The next day lectures given by Mrs. William J. Dillingham, Mrs. William J. Dillingham and Mrs. George C. Dillingham. October 1st. Mrs. J. P. Dillingham gave a lecture on the history of the chapter and a book on the history of the chapter.

January 10th. A new book was given to the chapter.

The Lane had two decks during the war.
Mrs. Spalding & child died Jan. 26. 1796.
Mrs. Wain. Wain. died Jan. 4. 1791.

May 1911 to May 1912.

The annual meeting of the Holly Farm
Chapter D. A. R. was held at Skalding
House May 3, 1911. Following Officers were elected.

President	Mr. Charles E. Herre.
Vice President	Mrs. Charles E. Bartlett.
Clerk	Mrs. Charles H. Williams.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Eliza J. Perry.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. John L. Rich.
Registrar	Mrs. Charles J. Fector.
Historian	

Board of Managers.

Mrs. Walter Gibson
Mrs. Alice A. Lajoie
Mrs. John T. Phillips
Mrs. Ellen A. Bartlett

June 6 - 1911.

The Chapter celebrated the 1st of June
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June 20 - 1911

The Chapter held a meeting commemorating
 June 14th. The program was very lively
 and enjoyable. Mr. [Name] gave a very
 interesting address. Mr. [Name]
 gave a patriotic address. The
 Seraph Book Page 5-6.

October 9 - 1911.

The Chapter held a meeting commemorating
 the Surrender at Yorktown. At Skeldin's house
 Mr. Albert Duggins gave the address "Yorktown
 an incident in the building of a Nation"
 Seraph Book Page 22

December 5 - 1911

A business meeting was held at [Name] house.
 The program was very beautiful. The
 Seraph Book Page 22.

February 13, 1912

A business meeting was held at Spalding House & committee to nominate officers for following year was chosen, and delegates and alternates for the Continental Convention at Springfield were chosen.

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April 19, 1912.

A commemorative meeting was held at Spalding House. A musical in charge of Mrs. C. M. Williams.

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April 27, 1912.
Spring Hall at Spalding House.

Visit to the Fort May 1911 - May 1912.

The Chapter has held the regular meetings, business meetings, three communion services, and thirty-nine Chesapeake days. The rummage sale has been held, also a good sale by the Rebass committee and the April sale.

The Educational Committee has charge of four Friday night tourna-ments.

June 6th the Chapter celebrated the 16th birthday of Molly Barnum.

June 20th The Battle of Gettysburg was commemorated. Mr. John W. Brown

gave a patriotic address suitable to the spirit of the day. Mrs. C. M. Webb sang a very patriotic song and Mr.

John W. Barnum grandson of Molly Barnum gave a touching address

by the namesake of the Chapter.

October 7th The Surrender of Yorktown was commemorated. Mr. Roy and

Mr. Durbin gave an interesting address on Yorktown an Incident in the Nation.

December 5th at a business meeting held by the Chapter Mrs. Mary A. Morrison presented an old English tall clock to the Chapter.

During the year the Chatter has been
sustained by Miss Alice C. Parker.
"Talk about Laska" Miss Julia W.
Dennis "Some Experiences in Japan"
Mr. Harry J. Johnson gave "Illustrated
Reading in the Women's Library"
Mr. George L. Parker, President General
S. S. R. gave interesting personal re-
collections of Lincoln.

Dr. Smith Baker gave an address on
"George Washington".

Mr. John W. Dennis gave a delightful
talk on "Kepler's Law" illustrating
his talk with selections on the piano.
He was assisted by his daughter Miss Marjorie
Dennis, 2nd a musical program was given by
Miss J. Roberts and Miss Lucy Brown. Miss
Mary Kelly was the accompanist.

During the year we have lost five members
by death.

Miss Julia L. Davis (Mrs. Nathaniel)	June 3, 1900
Mrs. Emma L. Thomas (L. Barlow)	" 20. "
Mrs. Daniel J. Nelson (Edwin J.)	August 2 "
Mrs. Edith A. Johnson (Edward W.)	" 6 "
Mrs. Jane H. Frost (Josiah C.)	January 8, 1901

Ida H. Doctor.
Historian

May 1912 to May 1913

The annual meeting of Molly Varnum Chapter D. A. R. was held at Spaulding House Friday, May 3, 1912, and the following officers were elected.

Regent	Miss M. Lda. Korn.
Vice-regent	Mrs. Walter Corbarn.
Treasurer	Mrs. C. H. Williams.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. John R. Little.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. C. J. Cornell.
Historian	Mrs. A. M. Thompson.
	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Corbarn.
Board of Management:	
Mrs. O. R. Raullett.	
Mrs. John C. Lusk.	
Mrs. Mary G. Morrison.	
Mrs. Alden G. Snapp.	

June 14, 1912

The Chapter celebrated the 16^{2nd} birth day of Molly Varnum. See Scrapbook p 23

June 18, 1912

The Chapter held a meeting commemorative of the Battle of Bunker Hill. Scrapbook p 23

June 27, 1912

Members of the Molly Varnum Chapter and their friends enjoyed an excursion to Marblehead and Salem.

Oct. 19, 1912

Rev. C. R. Skinner addressed the Chapter upon the subject, "The Patriotism of Peace." Scrapbook p. 24

Nov. 5, 1912

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Brewster Humphrey representing the American Indian League of New York interpreted Indian life by song and basketry. Scrapbook p. 24.

Dec. 3, 1912

The chapter was favored with a scholarly and interesting paper by Dean Hodges of Cambridge upon "The Adventures of Miles Standish." Scrapbook p. 24

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Jan. 1 A delightful new year reception was given by the executive board. Scrap book p. 24

Jan. 14.

Eighty beautiful colored slides, illustrating decisive steps in the wonderful progress of the American people, from the visits of the Norsemen to the acquisition of the Philippines were presented, accompanied by a lecture prepared by a ^{1st} Daughter of the Revolution and entitled "Landmarks in History." Mrs. C. T. Upton read this very distinctly and expressively.

Several fine views of Spalding House closed the series. Mrs. H. W. Thompson's paper upon " " was read.

Feb. 12

Rev. A. C. Ferrin read various poems, tributes to Lincoln, and commented upon them very discriminately. Scrap Books p. 24

Feb. 22.

Gentlemen's night. A pouring rain. About fifty present. Scrap. Book 24

March 11.

A luncheon at one o'clock at Spalding House was enjoyed

Mrs. H. W. Thompson acted as toast mistress. The guests of honor were Mrs. Chas. H. Bond, Vice-President General and Mrs. James G. Dunning, State Regent. See Scrap book.

April 19

Mr. Frank E. Woodward, vice-president of the Mass. Society, S. A. R. read a paper upon the historians of the American Revolution, commenting upon their different points of view and upon the merits of their literary style. See scrap book p28

Mrs. Vivian B. Adams died Dec. 1, 1912

Mrs. Rowena Kildred Reade died April 21 1913

May 2, 1913

The annual meeting was held at Spalding House. Miss M. Ida Howe and Mrs. J. K. Whittier gave reports from the Continental Congress recently held in Washington D. C., and the following officers were elected:

Regent	Miss M. Ida Howe
Vice-regent	Mrs. Walter Coburn
Treasurer	Mrs. C. M. Williams
Recording Secretary	Mrs. J. K. Whittier
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. E. T. Rowell
Registrar	Mrs. A. W. Thompson
Historian	Mrs. Charles Stowell

Board of Management

Mrs. John C. Irish
 Mrs. Mary G. Morrison
 Mrs. Andrew G. Swapp
 Mrs. Helen S. Parent

Historian's Report, May 1912 - May 1913

Twenty-one meetings have been held during the chapter year: the Annual meeting, May 10, 1912, eight program days, eleven chapter days, the New Year's reception, and gentleman's night.

At the Annual business meeting, Miss Julia Pewey gave a very interesting account of her experiences and observations upon her attendance at the Continental Congress in Washington, D. C., a few weeks before. Her vivid description helped us to imagine the animated scenes and vigorous actions belonging to that great meeting.

June 4, Molly Varnum stepped out of her frame and welcomed her friends, at the same time introducing two of her distant relatives. Being one hundred sixty-two years old, Molly, (Mrs. J. K. Whittier) was becomingly attired in black silk with snowy cap and laces. Many useful and beautiful gifts of linen enhanced her birth-day happiness.

The commemoration of the battle of Bunker Hill was observed June 18th. Miss Mrs. A. Webster read a graphic account of the fortifications made by the colonists. Miss Josephine Earle very kindly exhibited Captain John Ford's commission and other interesting papers.

At the first program meeting in the Autumn, Oct. 1912, Rev. C. R. Skinner made

an eloquent plea for international peace -
 Nov. 5th, we listened to an unique and instructive
 entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. William
 Brewster Humphrey, upon the songs,
 folklore and basketry of the varied American
 Indians. Many baskets of different designs
 were on sale.

Dec. 3, Dean Hedges of Cambridge, in a
 very scholarly paper, reviewed the ancestry of
 the Standish family, and followed minutely
 Miles Standish's fortunes with the Pilgrims
 at Plymouth.

On New Year's day, the Board of Management
 gave a reception to the members of the Chapter.
 A large attendance was present and the
 chattering of tongues proclaimed much social
 enjoyment.

Jan. 14th there were presented eighty beautiful
 colored slides, illustrating the progress of
 human skill and science, as related in a
 lecture written by one of the New York
 Daughters and read by Mrs. C. T. Upton.
 This was followed by a paper upon the
 history and improvement of the Spalding
 House, written by Mrs. H. W. Thompson,
 also illustrated by several views.

On February 12th, the birthday of Lincoln,
 Rev. A. C. Fernin read various poetical
 tributes to Lincoln, and commented upon them
 very interestingly.

An incessantly pouring rain, upon the evening of Washington's birthday prevented the large attendance expected at the important celebration of gentleman's night. The half-hundred or less who braved the storm thoroughly enjoyed the singing of patriotic songs under the leadership of Mrs. C. M. Williams, and voted it a very enjoyable occasion.

The celebration of chapter day, March 11th, taking the form of a reception to the state officers, deserves especial mention. Under the management of the hostess, Mrs. H. W. Thompson, the event proved a great success. After an elaborate luncheon, served at 1:30 P. M., Mrs. Thompson proposed numerous toasts, which were responded to by Mrs. Charles H. Bond of Boston, vice-president general of the national D. A. R.; by Mrs. Charles D. Palmer of Lowell, by Mrs. Frank B. Endicott, regent of the Old South Chapter of Boston; by Mrs. Elmer Young of Fall River; by Mrs. Frank D. Allison of Belmont. To the last toast, "The Spalding House", Mrs. Thompson, herself, responded. Mrs. C. M. Williams sang the Greek national hymn and spoke very sympathetically in regard to the incoming tide of aliens.

April 19th, Mr. Frank E. Woodward vice-president of the Mass. So. S. A. R., read a paper upon the historians of the American Revolution, commenting upon their different points of view and the merits of their literary style.

The programs during the past year have been exceptionally varied, sometimes unique and all interesting.

May 2, 1913

Elizabeth C. Coburn, Historian.

From May 2nd 1913.

May 2nd Annual Business Meeting

May 20th Chapter Day. Hostesses, Mrs Charles E. Rowe and
Mrs Charles M. Williams

June 4th Molly Varnum's Birthday. The members of the
Chapter were delightfully entertained at Mountjoy
by Mrs Thomas Nesmith, Mrs Charles D. Palmer and Mrs
Albert W. Thompson. All were lineal descendants of Molly
Varnum. This was the 103rd birthday anniversary.

June 17th



